

Sewer Committee meeting November 18, 2015

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Present: Mike Dupuis, Grant Hirst, Dick Dionne, Nancy Shapleigh, Jack McDonough, Rich Russell

Others: Jim Tessier, Bob Pomerleau, Joel Moulton, Jack Murphy (for part of meeting), Dana Lee (for part of meeting).

Meeting opened 4:15 PM. Minutes of November 4, 2015 read and approved unanimously.

The Committee considered a request by Norma Spinney at 8 Hickory Lane for a 120GPD allocation of sewer capacity. The Committee agreed that the capacity existed and voted unanimously to recommend to the BOS that she be granted that allocation.

There was extensive discussion of the concept of establishing a sewer district. Joel brought in paperwork on how to approach the state legislature with such a request but it was pointed out yet again that setting up a so-called "sanitary district" is a long-term process, and that we should first become familiar with the pro's and con's before we worry about approaching the legislature. It will have to be determined whether the town should initiate such a process or if it should be the sewer users.

In any case, the sewer users are major stakeholders in the process and that their engagement in, and enthusiastic support for the process would seem necessary, if not critical. It does not appear that they have, until the recent vote, gotten together as a group to take a stand on any of the several votes we've taken on funding.

Joel has been in touch with John True at the State level and John advises that he has little to do with the establishment of sanitary sewers any more. Rich Russell knows someone who might be able to give us some useful information.

Joel pointed out that the need to do repair/upgrade work is critical at this point and that we must find a way to get it done. That doesn't mean we shouldn't concurrently study the idea of a sanitary district. Mike indicates that the state electrical inspector is on top of all this and is willing to work with us.

Joel is looking into Charlie Bradstreet's assertion that the pumps were replaced ten years ago; and Steve has a copy of BOS minutes from 11-10-05 indicating that there was a vote to expend \$18,000 to replace two sewer pumps. It is not clear if that money was ever expended.

Dick Dionne indicated that having sewer in town benefits the entire town from the standpoint that it is protecting the environment.

Rich Russell says that we should consider using Hayes Pump rather than Water Industries for sewer equipment as Hayes' prices may be less than those of Water Industries. Mike/Joel will look into that.

Next meeting December 2nd at 4:15 PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.

Grant Hirst, Recording Secretary

Michael Dupuis chairperson
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