

## Sewer Committee minutes for meeting of November 19, 2014

Present: Mike Dupuis, Grant Hirst, Richard Dionne, Jack McDonough, Rich Russell, Steve Beckert, Nancy Shapleigh

Others: Joel Moulton, Jack Murphy, Bob Pomerleau, Russ Sylvester (Cole Brown Estates)

Meeting opened 4:15PM. Grant was asked to vote. Video streaming was activated.

The majority of the meeting revolved around the abatement request for Cole Brown Estate residents.

Joel reported that he had met with Mike Rogers of Kittery Water (KW) and Mike had indicated that KW would be willing to install seasonal meters for each Cole Brown resident who requested it- for \$188 for the meter, plus installation cost of between \$75 and \$100; and that KW would read the meters remotely for \$1.50 per reading. It would be up to individual residents to arrange this with KW. By definition, these meters would be seasonal and have to be removed in the fall and re-installed in the spring, the cost of which would have to be absorbed by the resident.

It was also pointed out by Steve that it was the rule of Cole Brown Estates that each resident must maintain their lawns, and this would seem to infer that they had to utilize the lawn irrigation systems which came with the house.

Russ felt it was not fair for the residents to absorb this cost and that he (Russ) did not feel it should be on him to pay, especially for the approximately 17 original residents. For those units not yet constructed he felt he could probably add the charge to the cost of the home but that he didn't feel he should have to do that- he felt the town should absorb the cost because it was the town's ordinance which contains the abatement provisions; and that the ordinance did not exist at the time the first residents purchased their homes.

It was made clear that any changes to the ordinance which might adjust the abatement provisions would require a vote of the people. Russ specifically requested that the Selectmen be approached with a request to fix the ordinance in that regard.

Russ pointed out that B & RH Associates had paid the sewer bill of \$564.43 for Tyler Spinney and he provided us a copy of the bill and a copy of the check stub.

Mike mentioned that he had some notes for the September meeting, which meeting the Recording Secretary missed, and which meeting was not video-streamed.

On other business, Joel mentioned that Thermodynamics on Rte 236 has requested that their previously- granted sewer allotment of 120 GPD be withdrawn in favor of his providing his own septic system. Thermodynamics was told that he would be charged \$7500 to hook up to the privately-owned Commons sewer. Joel indicated that we currently have approximately 30,000 GPD of sewer capacity available.

It was also mentioned that the new NAPA store going in on 236 at Bolt Hill Road would not be required to connect to sewer because the sewer available to them is privately owned, and the ordinance provision (mandating connection) only applies when **public** sewer is available. NAPA will be installing their own septic system.

Grant again mentioned the issue of the reconstruction of Pump Station 7 by Kittery and that, so far as he knew, Kittery was not planning to make any provision for Eliot's potential future need for more than 200,000 GPD (even though Kittery's original design did make such a provision). He again reminded everyone that he felt there was a very high likelihood that Eliot would require future capacity in excess of 200,000 GPD (due to any expansion of sewer Eliot does- voluntarily or under mandate) and that the reconstruction of Pump Station 7 should include provision for such future capacity.

Next meeting December 17, 2014 at 4:15PM.

Meeting adjourned 5:23 PM.

Grant Hirst

Recording Secretary