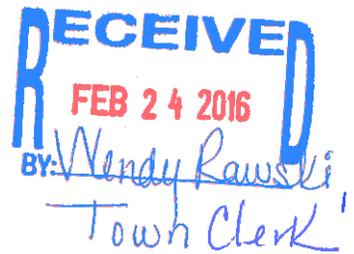


Sewer Committee meeting December 2, 2015



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

Excused: Steve Beckert

Others: Jack Murphy, Joel Moulton

Meeting opened 4:18 PM

Minutes of meeting of November 18th read and accepted.

Joel indicated the serial numbers of the pumps in Pump Stations 1 and 2 suggest they are newer than 1983 but it seems to be of academic interest only as both pumps are worn out and need to be replaced. Dana has someone working on the question of whether or not the \$18,000 appropriated for pump replacement in 2005 was actually expended.

The electrical panel in Pump Station 2 is only roughly 25% functional (just enough to get us by), the balance of the panel being out of service.

Rich Russell will discuss with Dana the arranging for a visit to one of our Committee meetings after the first of the year of one or more people who can tell us about the pros and cons and implications of establishing a "Sanitary District" and the method of establishing such a district.

Dick Dionne pointed out that what failed at the last town meeting vote was not the sewer, but the bond to finance the sewer- an important distinction.

Grant and Mike suggested that it was critical to get the current sewer users involved in the concept of having a "Sanitary District", and that if it were to be done, it would be very difficult to do it without their active engagement in the process. It was suggested that there might be a mailing to all users (and perhaps to the entire town?) so that everyone would be aware of what was being proposed. We probably should have one or more public hearings.

Joel and Rich Russell are looking into the costs of setting up a pump by-pass arrangement for each of the two pump stations, which would allow a rented/purchased trailer-mounted pump to be inserted quickly into the line in the

event of a failure of one or the other pumping stations. Joel will be proposing such a solution to the Board of Selectmen at their December 10th meeting.

He pointed out that the cost of doing some/all of this retrofitting work could possibly be less than the cost of renting sewage transport trucks on a 24/7 basis for an extended period, should that be necessary. In addition, the by-pass arrangement would be compatible with the pump station upgrade operation and doing it in advance would mean it wouldn't need to be done again when we reconstructed the two pump stations.

Mike pointed out that the sewer reserve fund balance now stands at roughly \$118,000.

Next meeting December 16, 2015.

Adjournment 5:03PM.

Grant Hirst

Recording Secretary

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Michael Dupuis; chair

Michael Dupuis