

Sewer Committee minutes meeting of December 17, 2014

Attending: Mike Dupuis, Steve Beckert, Nancy Shapleigh, Dick Dionne, Jack McDonough, Rich Russell, Jack Murphy, Grant Hirst

Others: Lori Howell, Bob Pomerleau, Joel Moulton

Meeting opened 4:16 PM, camera activated (but the meeting was not taped because of a reset to the system done today which appears to have cancelled out the retting for today's meeting).

Lori Howell asked the Sewer Committee for sewer capacity of 240 GPD for a project she plans at Map 4, Lot 68. That capacity was granted with a unanimous vote.

Lori also weighed in on the water sampling test results, saying that they were generally pretty good but that more testing was needed- including at several more spots- in the hopes that eventually more area could be made available for shellfish harvesting.

Minutes of the November 19th meeting were read, amended and approved.

Joel mentioned that the long-awaited draft of the Operation & Maintenance (O&M) guide was essentially complete and that a copy would be furnished to Dana, Jack McDonough and Rich Dionne.

Joel gave an update on the status of I & I and pointed out that considerable additional work was planned for the Spring (including considerable CCTV work) to resolve continuing problems. He pointed out that the recent rainstorm (in excess of 7") had resulted in a very heavy discharge into the sewer (way in excess of our allowance of 200,000 GPD), much of which could be attributed to storm-water . This points out that I & I work has to be an ongoing effort.

Mike pointed out that he spent many hours overnight in Pump Station 1, manually working with the pumps due to consistent high water during the recent storm.

Pickering Drive also had a high-water situation in this last storm, further pointing out the need they have to make modifications to their system to comply with the ordinance.

The issue of Russell Sylvester's request for an abatement for Cole Brown Estates was discussed in great detail. A motion was made by Jack McDonough (second Rich Russell) to recommend to the BOS that the application of Russ Sylvester for an abatement be denied, and that it be suggested to him that he could either relax his requirements for lawn watering or arrange for the installation of meters (discussed at the November 19th meeting). The motion carried with 5 in favor, Nancy Shapleigh opposed, and Dick Dione abstaining. Mike Dupuis will forward the Committee's recommendation to the BOS.

A letter has been constructed and will be sent out to those who have individual E1 pumps, setting forth the actions necessary when there is a problem with one of these pumps- what to do in the event of an alarm, who to contact, not defeating that alarms, etc.

Grant again raised the issue of the likelihood of Eliot needing additional capacity beyond the 200,000 GPD we have now, due to future sewer expansion which is sure to come. Rich Russell said that Kittery's upgrade project to PS#7 is currently out to bid and that the project contemplates only Kittery's future need, with no provision for Eliot's future need.

The IMA provides for Kittery to notify Eliot of any change to Kittery's sewer infrastructure which would impact Eliot; and that Kittery failed to notify Eliot as was required. Nonetheless it appears Kittery is going ahead with the upgrade and when Eliot needs more capacity, it will be too late and Eliot will be faced with a massive cost to address its additional need. Rich Russell is going to talk with George about that and get back to Dana.

Next meeting of the Sewer Committee will be January 21, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 5:40PM

Grant Hirst

Recording Secretary