

MINUTES SEWER COMMITTEE

MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2012

Attending: Mike Dupuis, Chair, Nancy Shapleigh, Steve Beckert, Jack McDonough, Richard Dionne, Grant Hirst; Jack Murphy, Joel Moulton Absent: Janice Hastings, Bill Hankin, Rich Russell, Richard Donhauser

Meeting called to order 4:15PM. Dupuis appointed Hirst as voting alternate. Minutes of December 5<sup>th</sup> accepted unanimously.

Parts of Clay Village infrastructure, some installed circa 1946, well past its life expectancy. Plans discussed for work on storm sewer in Clay Village to include camera work and cleaning within some piping with possible teeing off for drainage.

Pumping Station #1 may need a new pump (irrespective of the sewer extension vote in June) in addition to revamping of some electrical equipment. A new pump could be \$60,000+. Approximate balance in sewer reserve account \$135,000 and based on work currently needed in the system, Joel could spend it literally overnight.

Information to assist the Rate Review Subcommittee will be coming from Norma, Dan, Joel and Underwood. No work has yet been done on rate review because information on which to base the analysis is not yet available.

IMA update- Jack has received from Kittery their response to our most recent draft of the contract and is reviewing it now. If he can come to final agreement with Kittery the question will probably be put on the warrant for a late winter special town meeting for the purpose of adoption.

A draft of a Code Enforcement Officer letter to Mr. Day regarding 913 Main Street and the sewer allocation fee was reviewed and modified. There is some question on whether or not the sewer betterment fee for this address has been paid. Auditors have also raised the question of whether or not a number of sewer users have paid betterment fees and this will have to be determined.

Joel indicates that the B'ahai will have to pay two \$850 betterment fees and he feels there will be no problem collecting it.

Joel has indicated he would like to take over the billing function for sewer and if he did, he would need a part-time person (20 hours/week). There were several with reservations about this on the basis of cost vs benefit. It should be explored.

Grant reminded the committee that we need a message for the next sewer bill, scheduled to be mailed out around January 10<sup>th</sup>. Grant was given the task of drafting such a message, which draft will be circulated among the committee members for approval/modification.

Meeting adjourned 5:03PM