

SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

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

Absent: Janice Hastings, Bill Hankin

Others: Bob Pomerleau, Joel Moulton

There was no agenda for today's meeting. Camera was activated. Grant was asked to be a voting member.

Meeting opened 4:17 PM.

Minutes of meeting of January 21, 2015 read and approved with no changes.

Nancy moved, Grant seconded, to go to two meetings a month starting with the next meeting

March 4, 2015. Approved unanimously for the first & third Wednesdays.

Mike mentioned that it was state law that if a septic contractor, called to pump a tank, noticed signs of failure, he was required to notify the state.

It was mentioned that the Cole Brown abatement request was denied by the Board of Selectmen.

The letter to E-1 users has been held over the winter and is scheduled for a spring mailing.

It was again pointed out that the several subdivisions (Pickering, Sawgrass, Blueberry, Rosemary, and others), not in compliance with the sewer ordinance, needed to be formally notified and told they must comply. Mike will speak with Dana tomorrow and develop a list of such subdivisions and start to draft the letter. Town Counsel will have to be consulted as well as the Board of Selectmen.

The Planning Assistant provided us with an estimate that 250-350 new residential units could be constructed on existing lots within 250 feet of existing sewer. This is an estimate only and more exact numbers could be had by doing a comprehensive build-out study. Three hundred fifty new sewer connections, each at 120 GPD, could add 42,000 GPD. Our existing average use is 110,000 GPD and so a complete build-out of this type could put us at around 152,000GPD.

Should we expand sewer (such as with a downtown TIF or in the event of EPA mandate), we would almost certainly exceed our current 200,000 GPD capacity allowed to us under the current IMA. There was discussion of the merits of buying an additional 200,000 (or some other number) GPD capacity from Kittery to have available for future use; and to set it aside before Kittery reached the capacity of its waste water treatment plant (which is thought to be 2.4 million GPD).

Rich Russell said he spoke with George Kathios who told him Kittery would definitely consult Eliot in advance of their doing any construction on their pump station 7; but that said construction would likely be coming up fairly soon.

Adjourned 5:17 PM.

Next meeting March 4, 2015.

Grant Hirst

Recording Secretary