



TOWN OF RYE SEWER COMMISSION

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SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 8:00 A.M.

Rye Beach Village District Building

830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH

In attendance: David Kohlhase, Chairman; Peter Kasnet, Commissioner; David Adams, Commissioner by phone and Lee Arthur, Administrator.

Guest: Richard Ender and Stephen Clark

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Rye Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

David Kohlhase, Peter Kasnet, David Adams, no one else in the room, and Lee Arthur.

Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to take New Business out of order. Seconded by David Adams. All in favor roll call vote: David Kohlhase, yes; Peter Kasnet yes; and David Adams, yes. Motion carried.

III. New Business

a) 0 Alder Avenue, Map 8.1, Lot 62-1

Richard Ender the owner of 0 Alder Avenue, Map 8.1, Lot 62-1 and 17 Alder Avenue (Map 8.1, Lot 62) presented a lot line revision plan to the Sewer Commission. The two lots are side by side, his house is at 17 Alder Avenue and 0 Alder Avenue, Map 8.1, Lot 62-1 is a vacant lot. He explained that the lot line revision would square off the vacant lot and wanted to know if the lot could connect to public sewer. It was noted that 17 Alder Avenue is connect to public sewer on Tower Avenue and on a well. It was noted that there is a provision in the sewer user charge ordinance for wells and the property is billed for sewer.

It was discussed that there is a Moratorium in place due to capacity limitations at the Jenness Beach and Church Road pump stations and no extensions or expansions which adds additional wastewater flow to the collection system are allowed.

Peter Kasnet asked if a septic system could be installed and Richard Ender indicated if there was enough room. David Kohlhase indicated that the lot needs to be deemed buildable before public sewer can be approved. Richard Ender indicated it is an approved lot. The lack of frontage of the lot was discussed and that it is in the sewer service area.

Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to obtain a legal opinion on whether 0 Alder Avenue, Map 8.1, Lot 62-1 can connect to public sewer as presented or if the lot

line was adjusted to acquire frontage from 17 Alder Avenue. Seconded by David Adams. All in favor roll call vote: David Kohlhasse, yes; Peter Kasnet yes; and David Adams, yes. Motion carried.

b) 0 Central Road, Map 5.2, Lot 3; 0 McLaughlin Drive, Map 5.2, Lot 26; 0 McLaughlin Drive, Map 5.2, Lot 22

Stephen Clark representing the owner of 0 Central Road, Map 5.2, Lot 3; 0 McLaughlin Drive, Map 5.2, Lot 26; 0 McLaughlin Drive, Map 5.2, Lot 22, indicated that they are considering combining the three vacant lots and have one building lot and wanted to know if the lot could connect to public sewer. Two of the lots have frontage on McLaughlin Drive and the other on Central Road. It was discussed that it would need to be determined which lots frontage would be used to calculate the hook-up fee. It was undecided as to what the street address or where the driveway entrance would be located but Stephen Clark mentioned that it most likely would be Central Road.

Stephen Clark asked if you had to connect to a manhole. Peter Kasnet indicated not necessarily as there taps in various places within the sewer service area. If the house was built between lot 3 and 22 there is a manhole that is close to the property. It was discussed that there is frontage on McLaughlin Drive and that is part of the sewer service area and would be able to connect if all conditions were met including being a buildable lot.

It was discussed that there is hook-up fee and it is based on the property frontage and that the rates from July 1-September 30, 2020 are:

Front Footage Charge	\$260.97/per foot
50 Foot Front (minimum charge)	\$13,048.50
100 Foot Front	\$26,097.00
170 Foot Front (maximum charge)	\$44,364.90

It was discussed that the cost to connect to the sewer service, could cost the same as installing a septic system. Lee Arthur was directed to send Stephen Clark a draft check list indicating the conditions that need to be met in order to connect to the sewer service.

c) 7 East Atlantic Avenue, Map 8.4, Lot 167

It was discussed that it was brought to the Sewer Departments attention that work was being carried out on the sewer line at 7 East Atlantic Avenue without permitting. Lee Arthur contacted the owner to obtain a permit and he indicated the following:

- July 7, 2020: GSI broke the sewer line and Growen Construction repaired it.
- July 12, 2020: The sewer backed up and Seacoast Sewer and Drain repaired and replaced the line and installed a clean out.
- July 19, 2020: Another blockage in line occurred and Seacoast Sewer and Drain cleaned the line but suspected a broken pipe that needed to be repaired.
- July 23, 2020: GSI came back to repair the suspected line and were stopped by rain.

Lee Arthur noted that on August 5, 2020, Chris Co construction Services Inc. submitted a sewer permit and repaired the line. The problem began when test pits

we're being dug on July 7, 2020 as a new house is planned for the property. Peter Kasnet indicated the sewer line was sagged and there was a split 45 and that he inspected the work completed by Chris Co construction Services Inc.

It was discussed that a letter needs to be sent to those parties that failed to acquire a sewer permit, installers license and violated the process. The letter would notify them of the sewer use ordinance requirements and document their involvement, that could affect their ability to acquire future permits and licensing.

IV. O&M Report, August 18, 2020

Consideration of the O&M Report

The flow summary for Church Road Station in July was 3,336,600 gallons and the rainfall amount was 1.71 inches. The pump data graphs for Church Road Pump Station, Jenness Beach Pump Station and Abeniqui Pump Station for July were reviewed.

A new transducer was installed at Abeniqui Pump Station on August 5, 2020. The replacement was from Hampton. Two have been ordered from Russell Resources at 990.00 each, one to replace the one from Hampton and the other to have as a spare.

The wet well at Abeniqui Pump Station and valve pit was pumped and cleaned on August 11, 2020, a significant amount of grease was present in the wet well. The jet truck from Hampton assisted with the cleaning. Lee Arthur indicated that water is getting into the valve pit where the structure was joined and will have it sealed.

Pump 1 at Abeniqui Pump Station was down August 14 and 15, 2020 and on August 16, 2020 both pumps were down. There was no power to the pump controls. The wet well was pumped and a temporary solution to restore the power was made by David Kohlhasse. Mike Dube reset the panel back to normal on August 17, 2020.

Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to approve the Operations and Maintenance Report as presented. Seconded by David Kohlhasse. All in favor roll call vote: David Kohlhasse, yes; Peter Kasnet yes; and David Adams, yes. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2020 and August 10, 2020.

The sewer commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of July 21, 2020.

Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to approve the Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2020. Seconded by David Adams. All in favor roll call vote: David Kohlhasse, yes; Peter Kasnet, yes; and David Adams, yes. Motion carried.

The sewer commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of August 10, 2020.

Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to approve the Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020. Seconded by David Adams. All in favor roll call vote: David Kohlhasse, yes; Peter Kasnet, yes; and David Adams, yes. Motion carried

VI. Signing of Bills and Correspondence

a) Sewer Department Financial Reports

Included in the meeting packet were the Financial and Treasurer Reports. At the end of July, indicated 60.61% of the budget remained. However, \$51,7865.43 under prior year encumbrances was incorporated into the report. The Treasurer's Report dated August 3, 2020 had a sewer operating fund balance of \$708,653.91 and the sewer fund balance on July 31, 2020 was \$581,966.14.

b) Bills

The Sewer Commissioners signed the accounts payable check register and accounts payable payment manifest.

c) Warrant for the Collection of Sewer Operations and Maintenance Cost Adams Mobile Home Park

The Warrant for the Collection of Sewer Operations and Maintenance Cost Adams Mobile Home Park was included in the meeting packet. The warrant was for \$10,405.50 and after the adjustment indicated that \$9,887.80 is to be collected.

d) Correspondence to Evan Lewis, EPA, Comments Regarding Draft NPDES Permit No. NH0100625

A letter dated July 21, 2020 was sent to Evan Lewis, EPA regarding NPDES draft permit number NH010062. The letter supported comments made by IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. to change the draft permit to allow the use of any sufficiently sensitive, EPA approved fecal coliform testing method listed at 40 CFR 136.3 and remove CFU and replace with organisms to avoid confusion on reporting units.

e) Correspondence dated August 12, 2020 from Town of Rye Office of Selectmen Vice-Chair Resignation.

Included in the meeting packet was a notice from the Office of Selectmen announcing the resignation of Vice-Chair Keriann Roman. Her last day was Monday, August 17, 2020. The Board of Selectmen are inviting qualified, interested candidates to submit their letter of intent with qualifications to Executive Assistant, Kate Drago, no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2020.

f) 2021-2026 Sewer CIP Submission

Included in the meeting packet was the 2021-2026 Sewer CIP Submission. Lee Arthur indicated that the submission is based on bond schedules supplied by Hampton and that she has questioned the amounts and is waiting to hear back from Hampton.

VII. Old Business

a) 146 Perkins Road, Map 5.2, Lot 186, Update

The Sewer Commission reviewed the sewer line as built for 146 Perkins Road. It was discussed that Peter Kasnet had reviewed them previously and the connection was approved. Lee Arthur indicated to the installer that failure to call for an inspection again can result in an installer's license being revoked or not reissued.

b) 59 West Atlantic, Map 8.4, Lot 22, Update

It was noted that the capping has been inspected, plans approved, and Sewer Permit issued. However, there is still no other progress that has taken place.

c) 2257 Ocean Boulevard, Map 5.3, Lot 7, Update

Peter Kasnet inspected the connection and a photograph of the connection was reviewed by the Sewer Commissioners.

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Sewer Commission is scheduled for September 8, 2020.

Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to adjourn the Sewer Commission Meeting at 9:05 a.m. Seconded by David Adams. All in favor roll call vote: David Kohlhase, yes; Peter Kasnet, yes; and David Adams, yes. Motion carried.

**These are draft minutes. Please refer to the minutes of the next meeting for approvals/corrections.*