



TOWN OF RYE SEWER COMMISSION

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SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 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 and Lee Arthur, Administrator. (*Peter Kasnet by Telephone 8:16-8:29 a.m. in person 8:29-9:29 a.m., David Adams by Telephone 8:10 – 9:29 a.m.*)

Guest: Patrick Bogle, Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc.; Rob Wright, Lori Wright, Ralph Sanders, NHDOT; and Travis Billingham.

I. Call to Order

The Rye Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Announcements

There were no announcements.

IV. Old Business

a) 0 Richards Road, Map 5.2, Lot 156

Included in the meeting packet were the sewer plans for 0 Richards Road, Map 5.2, Lot 156. There was a discussion on which items on the list of basic sewer conditions have been met. It was noted that the lot is buildable but there are conditions set forth by the Board of Adjustment in their Notice of Decision on June 6, 2018. The applicant was asked if any NHDES Permits (Application for Sewer Connection Permit, Shore Land Protection Permit, Wetlands Permit) were required as well as the Town of Rye Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance Permit and the responded was no.

Patrick Bogle, Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc. presented the plans. The water and sewer lines were reviewed. He indicated that they were unable to open the sewer manholes and used the rims on the contract drawing as-built plans in estimating the 10'8" invert.

(Peter Kasnet joined the meeting by telephone at 8:16 a.m.)

It was noted that the sewer line is pretty deep and that there is an existing tap on the property.

Motion was made by David Adams to table the discussion on 0 Richards Road, Map 5.2, Lot 156 until Peter Kasnet arrives in person to the meeting. Seconded by David Kohlase. Roll call vote: David Kohlase, Yes; David Adams, Yes; and Peter Kasnet, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Adams to take out of order the NHDOT North Hampton Road Work: Ralph Sanders, NHDOT Maintenance Supervisor under New Business. Seconded by David Kohlase. Roll call vote: David Kohlase, Yes; David Adams, Yes; and Peter Kasnet, Yes. Motion carried.

V. New Business

a) NHDOT North Hampton Road Work: Ralph Sanders, NHDOT Maintenance Supervisor

Ralph Sanders presented a map of the North Hampton Drainage Improvement Project. He indicated that a section of the road has been flooding because a cross pipe has failed. Catch basins and a drainage pipe will be installed from 11 Ocean Boulevard, North Hampton to just prior to the entry to Appledore Avenue, Hampton. The NHDOT plans on digging a test pit Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to get a true elevation of the sewer force main. The contract drawing indicated it is about 10 feet deep. The work will not start until after Labor Day, they still need to obtain a wetland permit. It was noted that the test pit would not be dug until early afternoon, during low tide.

Lee Arthur indicated that the culvert at the exit of Church Road and Ocean Boulevard was blocked with shale and Ralph Sanders has been helpful in addressing the issue. Ralph Sanders noted that the NHDOT would be clearing the pipe today.

IV. Old Business

(Peter Kasnet joined the meeting in person at 8:29 a.m.)

a) Richards Road, Map 5.2, Lot 156 continued

The sewer plans were reviewed. The elevation of pipe entering the house was discussed and it was noted that it would be going through the frost wall. Peter Kasnet asked if there was a profile of the pipe. It was noted that there was no profile and if the pitch of the pipe was too much it may not work. It was discussed that the true depth may not be determined until the line is dug. It was suggested that there should be a contingency plan in the event that the appropriate pitch cannot be met with the current plan. It was discussed that they can wait until they dig, but need to have a plan in place so that they are not trying to figure out on site what to do if the current plan does not work. Alternate methods were discussed.

Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to approve the sewer plans for 0 Richards Road, Map 5.2, Lot 156 under the condition that they are amended to address the slop of the pipe. Seconded by David Kohlhasse. Roll call vote: David Kohlhasse, Yes; David Adams, Yes; and Peter Kasnet, Yes. Motion carried.

It was discussed that there could be more than one alternative approach and that the sewer check list needs to be followed.

b) 16 Myrica Avenue, Map 5.2, Lot 100-001

It was discussed that the status of the reconnection was unknown. The sewer installer has submitted an application for a Sewer Installers License. However, has not contacted the Sewer Commission for an inspection.

c) 8 Maple Avenue, Map 5.2, Lot 4

It was indicated that the \$25,461.00 connection fee has been paid and that the property was inspected by Peter Kasnet. The as-built plans need to be submitted.

d) Route 1 Sewer Update

There has been no update from developer and interested parties regarding the potential expansion of the City of Portsmouth sewer service to Washington Road since December and the passing of the warrant article allowing the pursuit in March. Lee Arthur did indicate that Eric Weinrib, Altus Engineering contacted the sewer department and he has been obtained to conduct the engineering study. In the meeting packet was the proposed site plan for 1244 Washington Road, Rye, NH provided by the Kim Reed, Planning and Zoning Administrator. It was reviewed.

Travis Billingham was present to learn more about the potential expansion of the City of Portsmouth sewer service. He indicated that a family member owns property beyond Washington Road close to the North Hampton line in Rye. David Kohlhasse pointed out that there was a discussion about wording the warrant to include beyond Washington Road to the North Hampton line. However, it was decided not to complicate the issue.

Different options were discussed as to providing service up to the North Hampton line. David Kohlhasse mentioned going from Washington Road to Dow Lane then back to Route 1 allowing more properties to connect as well as straight up Route 1. It was noted that straight up route on may require a pumping station. There was also the discussion of installing a private line similar to Adams Mobile Home Park.

Peter Kasnet pointed out that if they are interested in bringing sewer to the property the Sewer Commission would need to be provided with potential flow rates and approach the City of Portsmouth to see if they would be in favor accepting any additional load. Then a warrant article would need to be developed. They would also need to establish how to pay for and build the sewer line. The City of Portsmouth will require an engineering study.

VI. O&M Report, April 9, 2019 and May 14, 2019 Consideration of the O&M Report

The flow summary for Church Road Station in March was 3,217,800 gallons and the rainfall amount was 1.48 inches. The pump data graphs for Church Road Pump Station, Jenness Beach Pump Station and Abeniqui Pump Station for March were reviewed. The flow summary for Church Road Station in April was 3,135,000 gallons and the rainfall amount was 3.59 inches. The pump data graphs for Church Road Pump Station, Jenness Beach Pump Station and Abeniqui Pump Station for April were reviewed. The generator at Jenness Beach Station had a locked router notice and was down. The issue was the battery and it has been replaced.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2019.

The sewer commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of March 12, 2019.

Motion was made by Peter Kasnet approve the Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2019. Seconded by David Kohlhase. Roll call vote: David Kohlhase, Yes; Peter Kasnet, Yes; and David Adams Abstained. Motion carried.

VIII. 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 March, \$37,564.51 of the budget was expended. At the end of February the \$47,442.86 of the budget was expended and 83.56 % remained. The Treasurer's Report dated April 1, 2019 had a sewer operating fund balance of \$624,505.77. The Treasurers report dated May 2, 2019 had a sewer operating fund balance of \$621,668.94 and sewer fund balance on April 30, 2019 as \$501,690.91.

b) 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 dated April 15, 2019 was included in the meeting packet. It was noted that the amount to be collected was \$12,927.59.

c) Warrant for the Collection of Sewer Operations and Maintenance Cost Town of Rye

The Warrant for the Collection of Sewer Operations and Maintenance Cost Town of Rye dated May 2, 2019 was included in the meeting packet. It was noted that the amount to be collected was \$38,311.00.

d) Application for Sewer Installer's License, Ernie Smith Excavation LLC.

Included in the meeting packet was the application for sewer license from Ernie Smith Excavation LLC. The license was required in regards to the disconnection and reconnection of 16 Myrica Avenue.

e) USEPA Final Report – Clean Water Act Inspection of Waste Water Collection System

Included in the meeting packet was the cover letter to USEPA Final Report – Clean Water Act Inspection of Waste Water Collection System. It noted that on November 7 and 8, 2018, the USEPA and the NHDES inspected Hampton's and Rye's wastewater collection systems and the report summarizes observations made during the inspection. A brief written response is requested prior to June 1, 2019. Lee Arthur indicated that she will review the report and reply to the findings.

IX. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Sewer Commission is scheduled for June 11, 2019.

*Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 a.m.
Seconded by David Kohlase. Roll call vote: David Kohlase, Yes; David
Adams, Yes; and Peter Kasnet, Yes. Motion carried.*

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