



## TOWN OF RYE SEWER COMMISSION

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### SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 8:00 A.M.

Rye Beach Village District Building

830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH

**In attendance:** David Kohlhasse, Chairman; David Adams, Commissioner; and Lee Arthur, Administrator.

#### **I. Call to Order**

The Rye Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

#### **II. Roll Call**

#### **III. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

#### **IV. O&M Report, January 8, 2019**

##### **Consideration of the O&M Report**

The flow summary for Church Road Station in December was 4,074,100 gallons and the rainfall amount was 2.73 inches. The pump data graphs for Church Road Pump Station, Jenness Beach Pump Station and Abenaqui Pump Station for December were reviewed and it was noted there was a significant dip in the graph at Church Road Station on December 3, 2018. Lee Arthur reported that the majority of air release valve and saddles that are part of the force main on Route 1A in North Hampton and Rye were replaced on December 13, 2018. There is one air release valve left that needs to be replaced and all of the manholes need to be sealed and repaired as needed to prevent infiltration.

#### **V. Approval of Minutes**

##### **Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2018 and December 14, 2018.**

The sewer commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of December 11, 2018 and December 14, 2018, it was noted that David Adams was not present at either meeting.

*Motion was made by David Adams to table the approval of the December 11, 2018 and December 14, 2018 minutes until the next meeting. Seconded by David Kohlhasse. Motion carried.*

#### **VI. Signing of Bills and Correspondence**

##### **a) Sewer Department Financial Reports**

It was noted that the financial reports were not available and will be reviewed at the next Sewer Commission Meeting.

##### **b) List of Sewer Charges and Fees Effective January 1-March 31, 2019**

Included in the meeting packet was the Sewer Department Update that was published in the Town of Rye December Newsletter. It was discussed that the current rate per cubic feet of H2O consumption is amongst the lowest in the state. The 2019 Budget Narrative was also reviewed and it was

determined that front footage fee would be raised by 2.5% and the rate per cubic feet of H2O consumption by 1.5 cents. To accommodate Rye's 4% share towards the Town of Hampton WWTP upgrades beginning in 2019 (20 year bond for \$11.191 Million) and the increase in flow due to abnormal weather events like the surge in rainfall experienced in November, resulting in significant infiltration. The list of sewer charges and fees effective January 1-March 31, 2019 were reviewed:

1. Hook-up Fee:
  - A. Front Footage Charge \$254.61/per foot
  - B. 50 Foot Frontage (minimum charge) \$12,730.50
  - 100 Foot Frontage \$25,461.00
  - 170 Foot Frontage (maximum charge) \$43,283.70
2. O.M.R. (Operating & Maintenance) Charge  
Per Cubic Feet of H2O Consumption .070 cents

***Motion was made by David Adams to approve the sewer charges and fees effective January 1-March 31, 2019 (Front Footage Charge of \$254.61/per foot; 50 Foot Frontage \$12,730.50 minimum charge; 170 Foot Frontage \$43,283.70 maximum charge; O.M.R. (Operating & Maintenance) Charge Per Cubic Feet of H2O Consumption.070 cents. Seconded by David Kohlhasse. Motion carried.***

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a) Route 1 Sewer Warrant Article**

It was noted that the Board of Selectmen met and voted to recommend the following warrant article:

“To see if the town will vote in favor of the expansion of the City of Portsmouth sewer system (at no cost to the town of Rye and pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement to be negotiated between the Rye Sewer Commission and the City of Portsmouth) in order to provide public sewer service by the City of Portsmouth from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Route 1 ending at the Route 1/Washington Road intersection.”

## **VIII. New Business**

### **a) Other**

There was no new business.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Sewer Commission is scheduled for February 12, 2019.

***Motion was made by David Adams to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 a.m. Seconded by David Kohlhasse. Motion carried.***

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