



## **TOWN OF RYE SEWER COMMISSION**

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### **SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 8:00 a.m.**

**Rye Beach Village District Building**

**830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH**

**In attendance:** David Kohlhase, Chairman; Susan Labrie, Commissioner; David Adams, Commissioner; and Lee Arthur, Sewer Director.

**Guest:** John McCune, 500 Bracket Road, Rye, NH.

#### **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

#### **II. Announcements**

David Kohlhase announced that after serving the Sewer Commission for 15 years since 2007, David Adams is retiring from the commission. He thanked David for his contribution and presented him with a gift from the Sewer Commission.

#### **III. Public Comment**

There were no comments.

#### **IV. Consideration of the O&M Report, March 8, 2022**

The flow summary for Church Road Pump Station in February was 3,590,700 gallons, the flow for the same period last year was 2,270,400 gallons. The rainfall for February was 3.47 inches. Pump 1 at Church Road Pump Station was down on February 15 for a short period, maintenance was performed, and it is back up and running. There were no irregularities noted at Jenness Beach and Abenaqui Pump Stations.

Lee Arthur reported that a manhole on Jenness Avenue at 30 Surf Road was hit by a plow contractor on February 25, 2022, the ring and cover was displaced. It was repaired on March 1, 2022 and the cost was incurred by the contractor.

*Motion was made by David Adams to approve the O&M Report of March 8, 2022.  
Seconded by Susan Labrie. Motion carried.*

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

##### **a) Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022**

The sewer commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of February 15, 2022.

*Motion was made by David Adams to approve the Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022. Seconded by Susan Labrie. Motion carried.*

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

### **a) Sewer Department Financial Report**

At the end of February 2022, \$54,774.05 of the sewer budget had been expended. It was noted that the 2022 Sewer Budget is not reflected in the financials until after it has been approved by Town Vote.

### **b) Signing of Bills**

The Accounts Payable Check Register and Accounts Payable Payment Manifest amount of \$38,775.71 was signed.

### **c) E-mail correspondence from James Connick dated March 3, 2022, regarding Adams Mobile Home Park Update**

At the last meeting of the Sewer Commission, Lee Arthur was asked to obtain an update from the owner of Adams Mobile Home Park on where they were in obtaining an engineering plan and making improvements to the septic storage and sewer system at the park. Correspondence was received from James Connick of Adams Mobile Home Park indicating that he has retained an engineer and the last time he spoke with him; it was indicated that it would take them 60 to 90 days to complete their work. He noted that he has reached out recently but was unsuccessful in making contact.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a) Route 1 Sewer Next Steps**

Lee Arthur mentioned that she attend the Select Board Work Session on February 15, 2022 because water and wastewater for the Route 1 corridor was on the agenda. The session was one hour long, three quarters of the time was spent on discussing water use as it refers to irrigations systems. Bill Epperson provided a brief overview of attempts to bring sewer to the Route 1 corridor and indicated that with the Federal Infrastructure Bill there may be the ability to apply for some funds. Lee Arthur brought to their attention that the City of Portsmouth has indicated that in order to accept flow from Rye they need to make significant improvements to their system. Bill Epperson suggested that the next step would be to meet again with Portsmouth.

The Sewer Commissioners discussed setting up a meeting with the Select Board to address the matter further prior to revisiting the issue with the City of Portsmouth. They indicated that they would like to address the following: roles and responsibilities regarding expansions, Town's vision, area(s), and specifics regarding Route 1 as well as funding strategies and opportunities.

## **VIII. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Sewer Commission was tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

***Motion was made by David Adams to adjourn the Sewer Commission Meeting at 9:06 a.m. Seconded by Susan Labrie. Motion carried.***

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