



## **TOWN OF RYE SEWER COMMISSION**

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### **SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 26, 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, Lee Arthur, Administrator and Michael Donovan (9:36 a.m. by phone).

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

The Rye Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.

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

#### **III. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

#### **IV. O&M Report, November 26, 2019**

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

The flow summary for Church Road Station from November 1-23, 2019 was 2,021,100 gallons and the rainfall amount was 1.04 inches. The pump data graphs for Church Road Pump Station, Jenness Beach Pump Station and Abenaqui Pump Station for July were reviewed and there were no abnormalities.

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

##### **Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2019.**

Consideration of the November 7, 2019 Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next Sewer Commission Meeting.

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

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

Included in the meeting packet were the Treasurer Reports. The Treasurer's Report dated November 1, 2019 had the sewer operating fund with a balance of \$651,608.09 and the sewer fund had a balance of \$552,790.39 on October 31, 2019.

**b) Warrant for the Collection of Sewer Operations and Maintenance Cost dated November 14, 2019**

The Warrant for the Collection of Sewer Operations and Maintenance Cost dated November 14, 2019 was included in the meeting packet and indicated that \$140,854.00 was to be collected.

**c) Letter to Honorable Tom Sherman from the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and Sewer Commission regarding the proposed sewer expansion on Route 1.**

Included in the meeting packet was a letter to the Honorable Tom Sherman requesting assistance in acquiring funding to allow the City of Portsmouth to service proposed developments planned for the westerly side of Rye adjacent to US Route 1; abutting Portsmouth to the north and Greenland to the west, because there are no sewer lines to this area. It was noted that the Town of Rye voted to support the expansion of service at no cost to the town and the estimated cost is 2.7 million and approximately 1.5 million has been raised leaving a 1.2 million shortfall.

**d) Other**

Included in the meeting packet was a letter to Houghton Builders indicating specific information that is need before a permit can be issued for 59 West Atlantic and 9 Perkins Road.

**VII. Old Business**

**a) Route 1 Sewer Update**

The Sewer Commission reviewed and discussed a draft of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Mike Donovan, Town Attorney. He entered the meeting by phone at 9:36 a.m.

On page 4 and 5 delete:

6. Phase 1 and II. Phase 1 of the Lafayette extension would extend the Portsmouth sewers to the intersection of Lafayette Road and Washington Road, as shown on Exhibit A. Phase II would extend the Portsmouth sewers to the Rye/North Hampton Town line. Phase II expansion of the Portsmouth sewers will require a favorable vote of the Rye Town Meeting.

Replace with:

6. Future Expansion of the Franchise

It is recognized that Rye may request in the future to expand the Lafayette expansion to the North Hampton town line. Portsmouth and Rye retain the authority to negotiate future expansions of the sewer extension lines. Any future expansion in Rye beyond the service to properties beyond the area depicted on Exhibit A shall require approval of the Rye Sewer Commission; a favorable vote of the Rye Town Meeting and amended of this agreement.

On page 2 delete:

Whereas, Rye now wishes Portsmouth to extend municipal sewer service along Lafayette Road from the existing Portsmouth Sewer Line near the Rye/Portsmouth town line to the Rye/North Hampton Town Line in Rye (“Lafayette Extension”);

Replace with:

Whereas, Rye now wishes Portsmouth to extend municipal sewer service along Lafayette Road from the existing Portsmouth Sewer Line near the Rye/Portsmouth town line to the intersection of Lafayette Road and Washington Road in Rye (“Lafayette Extension”);

Exhibit A would depict ending at Washington Road.

***Motion was made by David Adams to make changes to the draft Inter-municipal Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: David Adams, Yes; Peter Kasnet, Yes; and David Kohlase, No. Motion carried.***

David Kohlase indicated that his opposition to the proposed changes was that at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen when the warrant article was presented, the Selectmen discussed amending the article to include all of Route 1 in Rye to the North Hampton line. However, they left the article as presented so there would be no delays. He understood that it was the wishes of the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission to negotiate with the City of Portsmouth permission to bring the sewer service to the North Hampton line.

It was discussed that the draft Inter-municipal Agreement needed to be amended immediately and forwarded to the City of Portsmouth within 1.5 hours to meet the packet deadline for the upcoming City of Portsmouth Council Meeting. Attached to the agreement would be a letter from Tim Phoenix. The Sewer Commission requested that the letter be forwarded to them.

The Sewer Commissioners discussed the Pump Station Capacity Evaluation Report and establishing the escrow for cost related to the expansion of the City of Portsmouth sewer system in order to provide public sewer service from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Route 1 ending at Route 1/Washington Road with their attorney.

**b) 112 Perkins Road Update**

The sewer connection will be inspected on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at noon.

**c) 9 Perkins Road Update**

The Sewer Commission is waiting for a response to their request from Houghton Builders for specific information needed before the permit for 9 Perkins can be issued. The information requested was a sketch of the proposed fittings and the location of the clean-out.

**d) 59 West Atlantic Update**

The Sewer Commission is waiting for a response to their request from Houghton Builders for specific information needed before the permit for 59 West Atlantic can be issued. The information requested was a sketch of the proposed fittings; location of the water line; the first floor elevation; location of the clean-out and if the house has a cellar.

**VIII. New Business**

**a) Pump Station Capacity Evaluation Report (Abenaqui, Jenness Beach and Church Road)**

The Sewer Commissioners reviewed the Pump Station Capacity Evaluation Report. In December of 2014 the pumps at Church Road Station could not keep-up with the flow and excess wastewater was transported to Hampton by septic trucks and there was also excessive flow in November 2018 that raised concern. The report explained the background and that by using the pump run time and flow data the estimate remaining capacity at each pump station was determined.

Abenaqui Pump Station has a designed flow rate (GPM) of 110; average daily runtime (Min) of 66; estimated average daily flow (GPD) of 7,265; estimated peak flow (GPM) of 28; and remaining capacity (GPD) of 21,000.

Jenness Beach Pump Station has a designed flow rate (GPM) of 450; average daily runtime (Min) of 253; estimated average daily flow (GPD) of 113,982; estimated peak flow (GPM) of 435; and remaining capacity (GPD) of 3,390.

Church Road Pump Station has a designed flow rate (GPM) of 500; average daily runtime (Min) of 373; estimated average daily flow (GPD) of 117,244; estimated peak flow (GPM) of 440; and remaining capacity (GPD) of 16,100.

The report concluded that there is significant remaining capacity at Abenaqui Pump Station and that Jenness Beach and Church Road Pump Stations do not have significant remaining capacity during estimated peak flow events. It was recommended that wastewater not be accepted from areas outside the existing sewer collection system. The Sewer Commission discussed the conclusions and expressed their concerns as well as the need to establish a moratorium.

***Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to implement a moratorium not to accept any connections/additional wastewater flow from outside the existing sewer service area/sewer collection system). Seconded by David Adams. Motion carried.***

**b) Other**

*Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to accept from Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley, and Roberts, P.A. funds in the amount of \$4,500.00 to be placed in escrow by the Town of Rye Treasure to cover cost related to the expansion of the City of Portsmouth sewer system in order to provide public sewer service from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Route 1 ending at Route 1/Washington Road. Seconded by David Adams. Motion carried.*

**IX. Adjournment**

*Motion was made by Peter Kasnet to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Seconded by David Adams. Motion carried.*

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