



TOWN OF RYE SEWER COMMISSION

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SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 8:00 A.M.

Rye Beach Village District Building

830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH

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

Guest: John Chagnon, Ambit Engineering

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. O&M Report, October 10, 2017

The flow summary for Church Road Station in September was 2,842,400 gallons and the rainfall amount was 3.13 inches. The pump data graphs for Church Road Pump Station, Jenness Beach Pump Station and Abenaqui Pump Station for September were reviewed and it was noted that the pumps are running very well.

Lee Arthur compared the 2017 and 2016 flow to Hampton. It was pointed out that in 2017 the 1st quarter flow was 1,347,400 gallons less than 2016, the 2nd quarter was 6,954,400 gallons more than 2016 and the 3rd quarter was 1,289,600 gallons more than 2016. The 2nd quarter flow was almost double of 2016 and has impacted the budget. There was a drought in 2016.

Motion was made by David Adams to accept the Operations and Maintenance Report as presented. Seconded by David Kohlhase. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

The Sewer Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of September 12, 2017.

Motion was made by David Adams to accept the Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2017 as presented. Seconded by David Kohlhase. Motion carried.

The Sewer Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of August 8, 2017. It was noted that the approval of the minutes needed to be tabled until the next Sewer Commission Meeting because David Adams was not at the August 8, 2017, Sewer Commission Meeting.

6. Signing of Bills and Correspondence

Sewer Department Financial Reports

Included in the meeting packet were the Financial and Treasurer Reports. At the end of September, 2017 the current year's expenditures were \$147,330.69 and 42.97% of the budget remained. The Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2017 had the sewer fund balance at \$478,683.46.

Lee Arthur anticipates the Hampton Treatment Line in the budget to be over, due to increased flow and noted that Wright-Pierce has not invoice the department for work completed at Foss Circle.

Town of Rye Planning Board Meeting Agenda, Thursday October 12, 2017

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Town of Rye Capital Improvements Plan Committee Meeting Agenda, Thursday, October 19, 2017

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7. Old Business

2018 Budget

The Sewer Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2018 Sewer Budget. Lee Arthur indicated that the budget is flat. However, the wastewater treatment plant in Hampton is in dire need of improvements. Included in the meeting packet was an article posted October 5, 2017 from seacoast online "Hampton's \$41M problem". Through preliminary discussions it was noted that the initial cost maybe around \$13M. which will impact the sewer budget as Rye is responsible for 4% of the capital improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. Lee Arthur noted that no bond schedule or amount has been finalized and that the sewer budget will need to be adjusted accordingly. The current proposed budget for 2018 is \$258,255, \$88 less than the current year's budget.

The all-day budget work session for the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, October 26, 2017 and Thursday, November 16, 2017 with the Budget Committee.

Motion was made by David Adams to approve the 2018 Sewer Budget of \$258,255 and to adjust it accordingly when the 2018 Hampton Capital Improvement cost are determined. Seconded by David Kohlase. Motion carried.

Town of Hampton Agreement

Lee Arthur indicated that she was in contact with Fred Welch, Hampton Town Manager and included in the meeting packet The Town of Hampton Warrant Article that addresses the renewal of the inter-municipal agreement. It was noted that the "Agreement is automatically renewable for successive periods not less than 5 years unless 2 years prior to the termination date either party notifies the other that the agreement shall not be renewed." The Sewer Commissions attorney is currently pursuing the renewal of the Agreement.

13 Foss Circle Update

It was noted that the Sewer Commissions Attorney has the site as-built plan for 13 Foss Circle (Drawing No. AB1, JBE Project No. 13104) and will be recommending what else needs to be completed for the Sewer Commission to take ownership of the sewer line that was extended to 13 Foss Circle.

8. New Business

John Chagnon, Ambit Engineering (proposed 40 unit multi-family development, Airfield Drive, Rye).

John Chagnon, Ambit Engineering was present and showed the Sewer Commissioners the plans for a proposed 40 unit development on Airfield Drive. He indicated that the Rye Planning Board has requested the he looks into the possibility of connecting to sewer.

The Sewer Commissioners noted that the City of Portsmouth has previously been approached and it was determined that no other properties are allowed to connect to the Adams Mobile Home Park private line. David Kohlhasse indicated that the infrastructure buy in was around 1.5-2 M and then there is the cost to construct the sewer line. It was noted that in the past surrounding residents were in favor of sewer at no cost and looked to the developer to pay. The pump station located at the City of Portsmouth and Rye line may have already been upgraded to accommodate additional flow. However, the discussion would have to be re-opened with the City of Portsmouth.

John Chagnon said that when the Rye Planning Board asked him to look into connecting to sewer, he approached the City of Portsmouth and then after a period of time received their response that they do not deal with individuals directly and would only deal with the Town of Rye.

It was discussed that the connection would need to be endorsed by the voters and a warrant article would be required. David Kohlhasse mentioned that it may be approved if there was no cost to the Town of Rye. John Chagnon explained that the development is able to install septic and has very good soil. The total cost of septic would be around \$100,000 versus 1.5-2 M, plus construction cost for sewer.

The City of Portsmouth did extend their franchise to Foye's Corner. A warrant article was required and the connection was at no cost to the Town of Rye. John Chagnon pointed out that another challenge is that Route 1 is a State highway. It was discussed that the Town of Rye would not be responsible for the maintenance or billing; it would be the City of Portsmouth. Both Foye's Corner and Adams Mobile Home Park each have an inter-municipal agreement. Adams Mobile Home Park was mandated by the State to connect.

It was summarized that the City of Portsmouth would need to be re-approached, a study completed and a warrant article established. Through prior preliminary discussions the City of Portsmouth did agree to allow connections. The infrastructure buy in was around 1.5-2 M, plus there was the cost to construct the sewer line. It would take some time to go through the process.

5 Old Beach Road

Included in the meeting packet was a letter dated March 8, 2012 to Byron and Kathryn Kalogerou owners of 5 Old Beach Road and John Taylor. They wanted to connect to the Town of Rye sewer service. The letter indicated that 5 Old Beach Road is not in the sewer service area and under the provisions of the Sewer Use Ordinance an expansion may not happen without town meeting.

Lee Arthur noted that Kathryn Kalogerou had contacted her and indicated that they were considering subdividing their lot and was inquiring again about connecting to sewer. Cory Colwell has been asked by the Kalogerou's to investigate the matter further. The original decision was discussed and location reviewed. Lee Arthur was directed to forward the letter and sewer use ordinance to Cory Colwell.

Other

880 Central Road

The property owners of 880 Central Road have applied for a permit to install a fence at their property and a section of the proposed fence would go over a sewer easement. Peter Rowell is seeking input. The plans were reviewed; it was difficult to determine the location of the existing and new fence as the plans submitted were marked-up. It was discussed that a gate should be installed over the easement.

The next meeting of the Sewer Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH.

9. Adjournment

*Motion was made by David Adams to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Seconded by David Kohlase.
Motion carried.*

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