

**Board of Sewer Commissioners**  
59 East Brookfield Road  
North Brookfield, MA 01535

**Meeting Minutes**  
October 19, 2015

Present:

Charles Haddock, Chairman  
Donald E. Smith, Vice Chairman  
John Farmer, Clerk  
Rodney Jenkins, Sewer Superintendent  
Laurie Lapierre-Recording Secretary

The Town of North Brookfield Sewer Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

**1. Discuss and accept minutes from September 14, 2015.**

Mr. Farmer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Haddock seconded the motion; all were in favor, approved.

**2. Superintendent Report.**

- The cylinder was replaced on the belt filter press that controls the plows.
- The F150 needs the windshield replaced.
- Eric Hevy stopped me stating that he has heard rumblings about sewerage Lake Lashaway. It was explained that North Brookfield approved the Comprehensive Wastewater Study and East Brookfield did not. A copy of the study was dropped off to the Selectmen's Office.

**3. Discuss Mass DEP inspection report.**

Mr. Jenkins notified the Board that he spoke with DEP and a notice of Non Compliance will be issued. The following was discussed/suggested by DEP:

- Every load to be tested for PH
- Oxygen PH probes in tanks (suggested)
- Continuous monitoring of influent (suggested)
- SCADA system (suggested)

GTC sent us a priority pollutant scan. We sent out three individual septage samples for comparison.

Another area of concern is our EPA permit. DEP called the EPA and we are not at the top of this list. It would be wasteful to have to do an upgrade now and then have EPA come in with an administrative order requiring another upgrade.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he will be calling SEA to see if they have a good biologist, for a study will need to be done. We have time constraints in order to meet DEP's request.

**4. Discuss request from Mass Electric Co. about Donovan Road easement.**

The Town has been approached to release the easement and help locate the old pipe. The Selectmen ask that Mass Electric incur all costs and a legal document must be presented for signature.

**5. Sign any abatements, commitments if necessary.**

The Commissioners reviewed and signed off on Commitment #6, a final read for 81 Walnut Street.

**6. Sewer Rate Relief Fund Application.**

Mr. Jenkins will check with the accountant to see what was received last year. He will also check on certified enterprise monies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The result of the union negotiations are as follows:

2% retro active raise back to October 1<sup>st</sup>  
2% July of 2016  
2% July of 2017

There is a Special Town Meeting on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>. There is an article on this warrant that addresses these raises.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Lapierre  
Recording Secretary

