

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

**Meeting Minutes**  
May 22, 2017

Present: Charles Haddock, Chairman  
Donald E. Smith, Vice Chairman  
John Farmer, Clerk  
Rodney Jenkins, Sewer Superintendent

The Town of North Brookfield Sewer Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m.

**1. Discuss and accept minutes from April 10, 2017 meeting.**

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

**2. Superintendent Report.**

- Our new permit from the EPA is completed and has been forwarded to the DEP for review. As per conversation with the EPA, there is currently no nitrogen limit. Total phosphorus is going down to 0.01 in which we are unable to meet and the metal limits are being addressed in this permit. We will have 5 years to comply to the new permit once approved and received.
- The filter cloths were plugged up inside and we took them off and washed them.
- The Board of Selectmen have issued a spending freeze on all discretionary spending.
- A new LMI chemical feed pump had to be purchased for \$850.
- The dual barrel siphon line by Chooch's is plugged with sand. Upon speaking with Helgersons, they will be out next Wednesday with their vacator/jetter which has 600' of hose to hopefully alleviate the situation.

**3. Sign any commitments, abatements, warrants or payroll.**

The Commissioners reviewed and signed off on bills and payroll. The following closings were also signed:

38 Mt. Guyot Street  
21 Warren Street  
15 Brown Road  
64 Elm Street

**4. Update I/I study.**

We were unable to cut the metering time short for we did not meet DEP requirements of 0.2 inches per hour over a span of 6 hours. There are 4 meters out in Town and they will be removed this week.

**5. Downey Road sewer cleaning.**

Mr. Jenkins explained upon his initial visit to Downey Road the table was chuck full of "goo." Helgerson was hired to come in and jet the line. Upon arrival, the table and inverts were clean. It is a mystery. The line in any event, was jetted.

**6. Update Congregational Church sewer issue.**

Dave Jones installed a new line at the rectory for the church. The rectory is connected in the manhole in the woods.

**7. New Braintree Road P.S, pump 1.**

A new pump was ordered for a cost of \$4,800 to replace one that would have cost \$3,800 to repair.

**8. FY 17 budget status.**

Mr. Jenkins presented an updated balance report. Projections show we will have a year end balance of approximately \$29,444 barring any emergencies that may arise. The remaining monies will go back into the Enterprise account. We have money in next years budget to clean the aeration tanks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The June Town Meeting is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We received \$253.00 from the Sewer Rate Relief Fund. This equates to approximately a .27 per year savings per household.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Lapierre  
Recording Secretary

