

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

**Meeting Minutes**  
December 10, 2018

Present: Charles Haddock, Chairman  
Donald E. Smith, Vice Chairman  
Kevin Valeri, Clerk  
James Nyberg, Superintendent  
Rodney Jenkins, Consultant  
Eric Cardenas, Assistant Superintendent  
Laurie Lapierre, Administrative Assistant  
Jason Petritis, Selectmen

The Town of North Brookfield Sewer Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

**1. Discuss and accept minutes from November 12, 2018 meeting.**

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

**2. Superintendent Report.**

Eric Cardenas presented the following:

As part of our quarterly maintenance program, all three wet wells at our sewer pumping stations were cleaned this month. These cleanings are important because it allows us to clean grease from the walls, remove all debris which has accumulated on the bottom of the wet wells, as well as inspect pumps and infrastructure. Also, the thick layer of grease that occasionally accumulates on the surface of the scum tank was removed. Dumont Septic was hired to assist Mike in both of these cleanings.

Warren St. Pump Station-It has been determined that there is a small hole in the discharge elbow to pump #1. The sewerage that is being pumped escapes from this hole and is recirculating into the wet well causing the pumps to run 3x longer than normal. This particular elbow is part of a hydro-rail system and must be purchased through hydromatic directly. Of all three pump stations, Warren Street sees the highest daily flow. Because of this, a new elbow was ordered immediately. Once the new elbow arrives, a date will be scheduled to have R.H. White complete the installation of the new piping system.

On the morning of November 7<sup>th</sup>, the infamous x-country line between Herricks Garage and Ward Street became blocked, once again. To assist with removing the blockage, Drain-A-Way was hired to jet the line. After several hours and a little bit of man power, the blockage was relieved. Grease was to blame. As a proper protocol for a sanitary sewer overflow, the MASS DEP was notified of the event. Resident's properties were not affected. The department will implement some type of a maintenance schedule for this particular line moving forward. The last back up was two years ago. A yearly maintenance should be scheduled.

The Sewer Department inspected an emergency sewer repair at the residence of 13 Birch Street. It is suspected that this service line was affected during the construction on North Common Street this past summer. Eddie Thibeault was hired to do the repair.

### **3. Sign Bills/Payroll and any Abatements/Commitments.**

The following commitments were signed:

27A Grove Street-Closing	15 Mount Guyot Street-Closing
18 Bell Road-Closing	75 Summer Street-Closing
27 Grove Street-Closing	19 Brown Road-Manual Bill

The Commissioners reviewed and signed off on bills/payroll.

### **4. Financial Update, RSJ.**

The \$40,000 voted in at Town Meeting has been placed into the Repairs and Maintenance Account. The \$3,000 has been transferred from the Superintendent Account to the Sewer Overtime Account. Mr. Jenkins stated that all the other accounts are in check.

### **5. Discuss new Commissioner.**

Kevin Valeri was welcomed on board as the Clerk for the Board of Sewer Commissioners. Mr. Petritis addressed the concerns regarding any conflict of interest between departments.

### **6. Update NPDES Permit.**

Mr. Jenkins explained that over the past week he attended a conference call with the DEP, Kleinfelder, Mr. Nyberg, and Mr. Cardenas. The EPA did not participate. Though nothing will change on our permit without a costly fight, there will be a reopening clause on our aluminum limit. We expect to see the permit shortly.

### **7. Begin discussion on FY 2020 budget.**

Tabled

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Lapierre  
Recording Secretary