

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

Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022

Present: Charles Haddock, Chairman
Don E. Smith, Vice Chairman
Kevin Valeri, Clerk
James Nyberg, Superintendent

The Town of North Brookfield Sewer Commissioners Meeting was called to order

1. Discuss/approve minutes from February 14, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the executive session minutes as written and with one correction to members present the regular meeting minutes, Mr. Valeri Seconded, all were in favor.

2. Sign Bills/Payroll and any Abatements/Commitments.

- Signed Commitment #12
- Abatement Discussion and Denial due to lack of historical usage, and the flat rate would exceed the current bill amount.

3. Superintendents report

Mr. Nyberg presented the following:

- Preparing equipment for return to season use so far no major issues from the winter.
- The Spectrophotometer has a failure code and is being sent to the manufacturer for repairs, we are anticipating less than \$2,000 for the repairs and shipping, the unit cost new is over \$6,000.
- Some updated numbers were presented regarding the municipal billing discussion but further discussion is still needed.
- A discussion about using ARPA funds to inspect the gravity sewer mains was had and Mr. Nyberg will put those recommendations forward to the ARPA committee after it is officially formed.

4. Financial Updates:

- A brief discussion of the current budget levels was had, and Mr. Nyberg recommended that articles be placed on the special town meeting for transfers to cover the significant cost increases in energy that have been seen. He also recommended a transfer of funds to the solid waste account to continue operating and accepting septage. Mr. Nyberg will send the articles to the Selectmen's office when appropriate.

5. Facility planning updates:

- The Draft 100% design specifications were reviewed and notes are being compiled to provide to the engineers so that a call can be scheduled to discuss.

6. Public Comments – none

At 4:28, Mr. Valeri moved, Mr. Smith seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

James Nyberg
Superintendent