

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

Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2017

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

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

1. Discuss and accept minutes from September 11, 2017 meeting.

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

2. Superintendent Report.

- Warren Street pump #2 which failed in September, had been pulled and brought down to A.L. Brown for repair. Over the weekend of October 7, we had alarms because the #2 pump installed failed to pump. # 1 pump was not keeping up with the water department discharge without setting off high level alarm. The Water Department reduced their discharge and on Tuesday we were able to pick up the repaired pump at A.L. Brown and install. The recently installed pump failed due to the impeller bolt snapped. That pump was brought to A. L. brown to check out the shaft/ bearings/ windings and to remove broken bolt and fix.
- We are just now getting out demands due to computer issues.
- Eric Cardenas starts on Monday.

3 Sign bills, payroll, abatements and commitments.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed off on payroll and warrants.

Commitment #5 and #6 were signed off on for the following closings:

33 Bell Street
19 Ward Street
89 South Main Street

4. Discuss Special Town Meeting article.

Mr. Jenkins stated that the meeting on the Town Meeting Warrant was never officially

approved. Mr. Farmer made a motion to approve the article as written, Mr. Smith seconded the motion; all were in favor, approved. The article is to transfer \$5000 from the expense account to the other salary account.

5. Discuss future O&M of collection system.

Mr. Jenkins presented maps and spread sheets that outline the manholes, length of pipe and pipe size/type. Mr. Jenkins explained he broke down sections into 9000 feet or less using the new I/I sections in order to eventually start a program of operation and maintenance with annual cleaning and video work. Area of concerns were discussed and Mr. Jenkins suggested budgeting money to clean one section per year. He said this will be required in the new EPA NPDES Permit.

6. Update status of NPDES permit.

No updates to date. Comments were received from the Connecticut River Conservancy.

7. Update Sewer Retained Earnings account.

Mr. Jenkins confirmed that as of July 1st there was \$466,736 in the account.

Meeting adjourned and went into Executive Session to discuss strategy relative to collective bargaining.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Lapierre
Recording Secretary