

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

Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2018

Present: Charles Haddock, Chairman
Donald E. Smith, Vice Chairman
John Farmer, Secretary
Adam Korabowski, Superintendent
Eric Cardenas, Assistant Superintendent

The Town of North Brookfield Sewer Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. Discuss and accept minutes from May 14, 2018 meeting.

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

2. Sign Bills/Payroll and any abatements/commitments.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed off on bills and payroll.

3. Superintendent Report.

There was a blockage at Dollar General. The line was jetted between manholes C46A to C46. The main line was jetted four times. It was confirmed that the blockage was in the service line of Dollar General.

There were two blockage calls at the Ortiz residence on 11 East Brookfield Road. Mrs. Lapierre was contacted by Officer Churchey and dispatch on the second call in. She contacted Eric Cardenas who responded. Mr. Ortiz stated he was unable to pay to fix the crushed orangeburg line. Mr. Cardenas stated it would be a Board of Health issue. Mr. Cardenas phoned Mrs. Lapierre to reiterate the Rules and Regulations and the responsibility of the homeowner. Mrs. Lapierre noted that the Board of Health was notified on the following Monday.

The North Common Street Manhole #C25 the engineer pointed out there was a bunch of rags. We inspected the two manholes on Birch Street connected to C25 and the dead end manhole C26A. Multiple rags were found and cleaned.

We checked the steady bearing on the #1 clarifier and it was found to be ok. We cleaned, derusted and refilled the clarifier.

4 **Discuss Techo Bloc.**

Mr. Korabowski stated that he has been reading Techo Bloc regularly. As you are aware, on one occasion, the meter was off, yet the pumps were running and discharge was noted at the influent manhole. As of late, there is nobody working there and very minimal usage.

Mrs. Lapierre stated that she has contacted multiple companies in respect to monitoring their discharge line. The costs exceeded \$4,000.00 and you would find it difficult to recoup the money spent. The information was taken under advisement.

5. **Change/Review Sewer Department Rules and Regulations.**

Laurie Lapierre presented Addendum #8. It was reviewed regarding rates and water usage. This addendum will be presented to the Board of Selectmen along with the legality of discontinuing outside meters.

6. **Set Billing Rate For FY 18 Sewer Bills.**

Laurie Lapierre explained that the figures came in as expected. Mr. Korabowski stated to leave the rate as is and adjust accordingly in the 2nd half. Mr. Farmer made a motion to keep the rate at .01321 per gallon. Mr. Smith seconded the motion; all were in favor, approved.

Laurie Lapierre stated that we will be billing off of Pointe Software. Mr. Smith stated that he would bring down a water bill for comparison.

7. **Discuss Importance of Rewiring Electrical Line for the Belt Filter Press.**

Mr. Cardenas stated that the original water meter had froze during the winter months and the pipe had burst overnight in the press room. As a result, water had gotten into the conduit which housed the electrical lines to the conveyor belt. The belt press would not run the next day due to the wires being shorted out. Troy Brown was called in and installed a new temporary wire from up above as opposed to feeding one back to the conduit which runs underground. Mr. Brown still has not found time to run the conduit. This is a safety hazard as the wire is just hanging in the belt press room. The Commissioners were in full agreement and Troy Brown is to be contacted.

Old Business:

New Business: Laurie Lapierre reminded the Board that the contract for the Water Dept. is expiring in FY 19. We should begin preparations to meet.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Lapierre
Recording Secretary