

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes

June 3, 2014

6 Collins Street

Ashland, NH

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Eli Badger called the Ashland Water and Sewer Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members present at the meeting were Alan Cilley, John Hughes and Eli Badger.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Others present at the meeting were Christine Cilley, Rusty Cross, Joshua Crowell, Fran Newton, David Toth, Normand DeWolf and Paula Hancock. Joining us for our meeting were members of the Conservation Commission: Ms. Stacy Luke, Gordon McCormack Jr., Joseph and Patricia Mazone, and Sandra Coleman. James World came to talk with the Water and Sewer Commission and the Conservation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eli Badger announced that Ms. Sullivan is the new utility clerk. She will begin her duties on Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the grant agreement. John Hughes made a motion to sign a commitment agreement for the grant and to authorize Eli Badger to present the grant agreement paperwork for the Commission. Alan Cilley seconded the motion. There were three votes in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Joshua Crowell came before the Commission to ask the Commission to allow him to dig a trench behind the hydrant in front of his house to drain the water from behind the hydrant. He was concerned that the hydrant was leaking and came to the Commission to find out the present state of the hydrant. Rusty Cross and Joshua Crowell will work out the details of the project.

The Commissioners met with Rusty Cross to discuss his monthly report. Rusty is in the process of collecting quotes

for the repair and painting of the clarifiers. Rusty will get a few more quotes for the Commissioners.

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Rusty Cross and Alan Cilley will revisit the River Street project.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the status of the present plant roof. The Commissioners decided that this needed further discussion and the need for several quotes for the work.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Ashland Water and Sewer Commission and the Conservation Commission have independently expressed concerns about a project undertaken by Mr. James World to dredge the Squam River in order to install a turbine on the river. The concerns expressed by both Commissions centered around the impact the project would have on the environment, on water and sewer lines that are buried in the bed of the river, the vibration that the dredging would cause as well as the impact the project would have on abutters to the river.

After much discussion about the details of the project, the length of the project, the impact on the environment, the river, and the water and sewer system a plan was put forward that Jim World would be liable for insurance for the duration of the work on the river, that Jim World be liable for any problems that arise from the project for a four month window after completion of the work. Jim World would pay for the cost of three camera runs down the water and sewer pipes in the river. The camera work will be done to document the state of the pipes both before and after the work has been completed.

The Conservation Commission advised that if the Water and Sewer Commission could write a letter that assures the Conservation Commission that the pipes will be covered by liability insurance plus a four month window the Conservation is willing to sign off on the project.

Jim World and the Water and Sewer Commissioners will meet for more discussion about the liability insurance and the four month window.

The Ashland Water and Sewer Commissioners discussed the present circumstances surrounding the purchase of water meters and meter readers from the EJ Prescott Company. Mr. Eli Badger will contact the company to inquire as to the status of the purchase.

The Commissioners will contact DES for copies of an application for a grant. The Commissioners will request a meeting with Mr. Peter Goodwin to discuss what information is needed from the Commission to complete the grant application process.

The Commissioners discussed the nomination of a representative from the Water and Sewer Commission to the SEIU Committee. Eli nominated John Hughes. Alan Cilley seconded the nomination. There were three votes in the affirmative. The motion passed.

The Commissioners discussed the nomination of a representative to the Ad Hoc Environmental Development Committee. Eli nominated Alan Cilley. John Hughes seconded the nomination. There were three votes in the affirmative. The motion passed.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the status of the River Street project and the Thompson Street project but felt further discussion was needed. No decision was made on either project.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing more to come before the Commission Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. John Hughes seconded the motion. There were three votes in the affirmative. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hancock
For the Ashland Water & Sewer Dept.

