

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
August 19, 2014
6 Collins Street
Ashland, NH
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present were Alan Cilley and Eli Badger. John Hughes was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public present at the meeting were Mardean Badger, Christine Cilley, Normand DeWolf, David Toth and Paula Hancock.

NEW BUSINESS: Eli Badger made an inquiry on the proper procedure to transfer funds. He was told that he needed to contact the Trustees and then contact Ms. Linda Guyotte at the Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Badger advised that he would contact the town's legal services to obtain the proper procedure for transferring of funds. Further discussion on this topic by the Commissioners was tabled for this meeting. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Commissioners met with Tim Paquette and Mr. Latullippe about the reconstruction of Thompson Street from the Riverside Drive end. The Commissioners discussed the costs that would be attributed to each company or Commission. It was discussed at that meeting that Mr. Latullippe would pay for the first 1,000 feet of the project up to the entrance to his development. The Commission would pay for the segment of the road between the development and Smith Hill. There is a second meeting scheduled for September 3 at which all parties will revisit the issue of the costs of the project. Also under consideration is that the Highway Department has enough funds to pave the project.

Weston and Sampson advised the Commissioners that Weston and Sampson would send a quote for the cost of the engineering phase of the Riverside Drive construction. Rusty Cross will see that there is a timeline included for the work as part of the quote.

The Commissioners received an email from Ms. Michelle (Therier) Roberts from the Lakes Region Planning Commission advising them that her consultation with the Ashland Water and Sewer Commission had been okayed by the Lakes Region

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Planning Commission. Her quote for the consultation work for the Commission would be sent to the Commission by the end of the week.

The Commissioners discussed the plans for the new roof to be constructed on the present Water and Sewer Department plant roof. Alan Cilley has put forth a plan to clean the present roof. It is his plan to cover the roof and the two proposed bay additions with a metal deck material. There will be a layer of 1 1/2" stone pebbles. The roof will be insulated with spray foam to retain more of the heat during the colder months. There is the possibility of a design for the bay additions by the end of the month.

The Water and Sewer Commission is in the process of negotiating a contract with Utility Partners. The Commission and Utility Partners are in the fourth year of a five year contract. The contract is due to expire in November of 2015. Utility Partners have sent the Commission a contract proposal to review. Both parties will discuss the proposal and undertake further negotiations on Tuesday, August 26. Also under negotiation is the proposal to change the expiration date of the contract to January 1 which will assist in the department's budgeting process. The public was also advised that union negotiations have begun.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the present budget numbers for the department. The Commissioners will revisit the budget numbers at a meeting on Wednesday, August 20. Any further discussion of the budget numbers will take place at a future Department bi-monthly meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. Eli Badger seconded the motion. With two votes in the affirmative the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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