

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
December 16, 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 at the meeting were Eli Badger and Alan Cilley.
OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public present at the meeting were Rusty Cross, Christine Cilley, Mardean Badger, Steve Toth, Steve Bullard and Paula Hancock.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners briefly discussed the department budget they presented to the Budget Committee on December 11. With more discussion and work needing to be done to the budget the Commissioners put off any further discussion of the budget at this meeting. It will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Michele Therrien-Roberts advised the Commissioners that she wishes to terminate her contract with LRPC and to rewrite a contract with CyberFern Technologies in order to continue the training portion of the contract for personnel.

The Commissioners were advised that the Plant roof construction is completed. All other work pertaining to the roof and the addition will be completed by Saturday, December 20.

The Commissioners were advised that there is a question pertaining to personnel. The question set forth was whether an employee of the Water and Sewer Department could have a personal day after six months of employment. Eli made a motion that a department employee could have a personal day after six months of employment. Alan Cilley seconded the motion. With two votes in the affirmative the motion passed.

The Commissioners discussed the closing of the Utilities Office on December 26, 2014. A motion was made that “at the discretion of the Office Manager the Utility Office may be open or not. Compensation will be a personal day.” The motion having been made there were two votes in the affirmative. The motion passed.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the timeliness of bill paying. Since more discussion is needed on this subject the topic was tabled to a future meeting.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the options open to the Water and Sewer Department concerning septage receiving. Steve Bullard will contact an engineering expert to come and look at the septage receiving operation at Ashland. The expert will discuss with the Commissioners various options open to them to make septage receiving more up to date.

The septage haulers new rate fee will be raised to \$5/1,000 gallons. This rate fee will go into effect on March 1, 2015.

The Commissioners briefly discussed visiting both the Claremont and Plymouth septage receiving facilities to look at alternatives Ashland might use at its facility.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. Eli seconded the motion. With two votes in the affirmative the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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