

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
May 5, 2015
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, David Toth, and Eli Badger.

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public present for the meeting were Christine Cilley, Rusty Cross and Paula Hancock.

NEW BUSINESS: Rusty Cross discussed with the Commissioners the monthly report from Utility Partners. He drew to their attention that Town well 2 is presently not operating and in need of repair. The problem has been narrowed to a problem with the well motor or the well electrical wiring. Rusty is in the process of scheduling a time and date for repair. He had no date or time at the time of this meeting but was going to pursue the issue on the next business day.

Rusty had advised the Commissioners that he had spent five hours at the Leavitt Hill Project to install and get running a booster station for water at the Leavitt Hill Project. The Commissioners were concerned about creating a policy whereby a rate/cost be established to assess to developers for establishing new water and sewer systems in new town developments. The Commissioners were concerned that there are other similar projects being developed in town where a cost assessment policy will be necessary in determining overall expenses to the town and to the developer for each project. The Commissioners felt that they needed to discuss with Utility Partners the specific wording for just such a policy.

The Commissioners questioned Rusty as to the rising costs for the Waste Treatment Plant. Rusty explained that the technology needed to run the plant most efficiently keeps changing and there are some rising costs there. There are rising costs in materials as parts of the Waste Treatment Plant need replacement.

Alan Cilley advised the Commissioners that the new electrical work on the Waste Treatment Plant is done. The vinyl and trim contract has been signed. The vinyl and trim work will start next week. The overhead doors for the project will include the overhead doors, windows in the door, electric door openers and the doors

will be insulated at a cost of \$3,000 for the entire project. Alan advised the Commissioners that the installation of the insulation in the new addition and over the office will be done by himself and Rusty. Alan will obtain a price for the necessary insulation.

Eli advised the Commissioners that the meeting with Matt Dixon of the Leavitt Hill Project has been cancelled for May 6 and has been rescheduled for May 13.

The Commissioners will meet with Kim Frase for a discussion about the subject of solar electricity, its benefits and deficits. The meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, May 6.

David Toth advised the Commissioners that the newsletter still needs to be printed. It can then be sent out with the upcoming monthly bills. Eli advised the Commissioners that the Water and Sewer Department website presently needs content and photos. It was felt by the Commissioners that the website should have many photos that will explain to the townspeople the present state of the department. It was felt that the message about the present state of the department could best be told in photo format. When the photos are collected and the content complete the website will go online.

There were no Commissioners concerns to be discussed at this meeting. There was no public input at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. David Toth seconded the motion. With three votes in the affirmative the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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