

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
August 4, 2015
6 Collins Street
Ashland, NH
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eli Badger.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members present at this meeting were Eli Badger, Alan Cilley and David Toth.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Members of the public present at the meeting were Christine Cilley, Normand DeWolf, Fran Newton, Mardean Badger, Tom Almore, David Snasoucie and Rusty Cross.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rusty Cross submitted to the Commissioners the monthly report from Utility Partners. He advised the Commissioners that the town wide mowing had been completed by Tuesday, August 4.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that the letter sent to the haulers regarding the use of j brakes on their trucks in the vicinity of the treatment plant had been responded to favorably.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that the updated project list that was to be discussed at this meeting instead will be reviewed and discussed at the Commissioners' work session on Wednesday, August 5.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that it was the decision of the Commissioners that for the Thompson Street project only water will be part of the project. It was felt that there was not enough time to do the necessary engineering for the sewer lines that the project required before the September 30 deadline. It was also felt that there was not enough return on investment for the number of residences that would be added to the sewer system to make the investment worthwhile. Hence no sewer lines will be added to the Thompson Street project. More decisions may be forthcoming on the Thompson Street project once the updated project list has been reviewed.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that he is in receipt of the Riverside Drive contract submitted by Brandon Hiltz in the amount of \$74,215. The Commissioners noted that in the contract there is no start or end date stated. The Commissioners had other concerns

about the contract. It was suggested that the Commissioners contact Mr. Hiltz and suggest that he meet with the Commissioners to answer any outstanding questions concerning the details of the contract.

David SanSoucie inquired of the Commissioners if there was any process or procedure concerning the content of project contracts from local contractors to the Commissioners. He inquired if there was any process or procedure in the granting of contracts. At present there is no such process or procedure. The Commissioners will look into the matter.

In the public session of the meeting the Commissioners discussed the website that is presently under construction specifically for the Water and Sewer Department. A new resident to Ashland Thomas Almore discussed with the Commissioners at some length their expectations for the new website. Mr. Almore is part of a new website building business now headquartered in Ashland. It was decided that the Commissioners would meet with Mr. Almore at a time and date convenient to both parties to discuss the possibilities of the new department website.

The Commissioners explained to those present the limitations of the department in the area of raising funds for projects. The department is presently seeking and writing several grants to cover the expense of a particular project. They are pursuing loans from the State to cover other project expenses.

The Commissioners heard from the public:

That there are new and ever changing methods to construct a department website.

- That the Commissioners should come up with a standard procedure for the issuing of department project contracts
- That there should be time invested in a ratepayers' forum to explain to the local ratepayer how his/her water and sewer revenues are being used.

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 concluded at 8:20 PM.

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