CALL TO ORDER: Eli Badger, chair of the Water and Sewer Commission called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present for the meeting were Alan Cilley, Eli Badger and David Toth

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public present for the meeting were Christine Cilley, Mardean Badger, and Steve Felton

NEW BUSINESS: With Rusty Cross not in attendance at the meeting the monthly report from Utility Partners was tabled to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that he was in receipt of a Cyber Fern contract for 2016 from Ms. Michelle Roberts. The Commissioners would like to continue the mapping of the underground attributes. This project needs to be finished. The Commissioners will meet with Ms. Roberts to discuss the map showing where Northern Pass Project will go and where our town wells are. This map will be included in the Intervenor Letter information to be presented to Northern Pass representatives. David made a motion to sign the Cyber Fern contract for 2016. Alan Cilley seconded the motion. There were three votes in the affirmative. The motion passed.

The Commissioners received a quote of $200 from A Bit Computer for the installation, modem, and setup of Wi-Fi for the Department. The Commissioners will move forward with this project.

The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion concerning the Intervenors Letter to be submitted to Northern Pass early in February. The letter from the Water and Sewer Commission outlines their concerns about the effect of the Northern Pass Project on the lagoons at the Water Treatment Plant. The letter from the Commissioners will be revised with regard to where the Northern Pass Project comes onto Department property. The
Commissioners would like their letter as part of the attached documentation to be presented to Northern Pass on February 5.

The Commissioners gave Steve Felton the bulleted information they would like to see included in the documentation section of the presentation to the Northern Pass representatives. The Commissioners stressed to Mr. Felton that Northern Pass representatives understand that Northern Pass could preclude future economic development. They wanted it understood that the Northern Pass Project towers could disturb the clay linings of the lagoons at the Water Treatment Plant. The Commissioners were concerned about a proposed road next to the lagoons and the road being too close to the Pemi River.

The Commissioners need to meet to review the format of their 2016 Budget. The discussion centered on the proper format of the Budget to be presented again to the Budget Committee. The Commissioners need to review a default budget that can be implemented should circumstances warrant.

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

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