

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
February 16, 2016
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 for the meeting were Eli Badger, Alan Cilley and David Toth

OTHERS PRESENT: Others present for the meeting were Christine Cilley, Steve Bullard, Rusty Cross, and Mardean Badger

NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners reviewed the Utility Partners monthly report. Rusty advised the Commissioners that he had four cases of frozen pipes each of which had been resolved. He reported that the grinder pump at the plant needed repair. Rusty reported having the same situation of a grinder pump needing repair about a year ago. He will take both grinder pumps and get them repaired. He has also overseen snow removal from around the fire hydrants in town as a result of the last snowstorm.

Eli Badger reported that there is still no Quickbooks program up and running correctly on the department computer system. When Quickbooks was originally installed it was installed under Ashland Utilities. With it being installed under Ashland Utilities causes the present issues being experienced. Martha will be coming in Wednesday, February 17 to resolve this issue and check the complete system for the department.

The new billing system is closer to reality. There are still issues about the system revolving around more changes and more corrections needed to bring the present mailing list up to date. A new master mailing list was delivered to BSMI recently. There is a problem with the new meter readers. There are about 25-30 customer meters that the system doesn't or is unable to read. It is hoped that with a slight reprogramming of the readers the problem will be resolved.

The Commissioners reviewed the department budget for January. It was reported that the department took in more revenue than it spent for the month of January. The increased revenue was due to a very mild winter and customers catching up on bill payments.

The Commissioners will take the present budget to the accountant and have it brought up to date.

The Commissioners are in receipt of an O and M Report that Wesson and Sampson would like the Commissioners to sign off on. The report is technical in nature. Tom Schwartz and representatives from DES will meet with the Commissioners to clarify the contents of the report.

The Commissioners are in receipt of the Intervenors letter from Nashua. The Water and Sewer Commission representatives from Ashland will be among 216 intervenors who will present their concerns to the Site Evaluation Committee. The Site Evaluation Committee is listening to the concerns of the individuals and towns that will be affected by the Northern Pass Project. Eli Badger briefly summarized the concerns of the Water and Sewer Commission to the implementation of the Northern Pass Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no more business to come before the Commissioners Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. David Toth seconded the motion. With three votes in the affirmative the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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