

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
April 19, 2016
6 Collins Street
Ashland, NH
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Others present for the meeting were Normand DeWolfe, Christine Cilley, Mardean Badger, Rusty Cross and Steve Bullard from Utility Partners

NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners elected Alan Cilley as the negotiator for the Department to the upcoming Union Negotiations.

Rusty Cross advised the Commissioners that the yearly hydrant project has been completed. There are 4-5 questionable hydrants and 2 hydrants that are offline. The new ramp at the Receiving Station has been put in place. 2 2x 12 wooden planks will be placed on the ramp. An additional layer of pressured wooden planks will be placed on top of these original wooden planks. Assistance from the DPW was very much appreciated in the completion of this project.

The Commissioners will meet with Eversource on Wednesday, April 27 at 10 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss with Eversource their plans and construction routes to install the Northern Pass towers near the Receiving Station lagoons and near the town well sites. The town lawyer will be in attendance. The Commissioners feel that now is the time to make their case concerning Northern Pass and Eversource plans to construct the Northern Pass Project. If we don't make our case now we may not have any legal recourse should there be damage done to the Receiving Station lagoons or the town wells or any other construction that would disrupt the Receiving Station's operation.

The plan from Eversource is to bring everything into the construction site via Collins Street and ford the Squam River at that point and bring everything to the construction site for installation of towers on that site. The Commissioners would like to know if Eversource is bringing their construction equipment

across the Squam River above or below the present bridge. The Commissioners are concerned that Eversource will change their minds. The Commissioners want to know exactly what Eversource is thinking regarding this project.

The Commissioners would like to reclassify the well sites from light industrial to a protected resource zone.

The Commissioners have voted to approve stipends for the Water and Sewer Department Commissioners. The Commissioners will receive the following stipends: Chair: \$1,500, Commissioners \$1,000 each.

The Commissioners have voted to approve a contract for legal representation for the Northern Pass Project. Our representative will be Stephen Whitley.

The Commissioners have hired Emery and Garrett to produce a Statement on Viability of construction within the well protective zone.

It was noted that the Electric Company property is owned by the town of Ashland.

David Toth made a request that the water at the Community Garden site be turned on for the season. He asked if it could be done by May 1 so that on May 7 local gardeners can start preparing the gardens for the upcoming season.

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 meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Hancock

For the Ashland Water & Sewer Dept.