

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
May 2, 2017
6 Collins Street
Ashland, NH
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: David Toth called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present were Alan Cilley and David Toth.

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public present were Rusty Cross, Sherry Downing and Tejasinha Sivalingam, Board of Selectmen liaison to the Water and Sewer Department.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from their April 4, 2017 meeting. Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. With two votes in the affirmative the motion passed.

Rusty advised the Commissioners that he has been cleaning out the rental container at the Septage Receiving Station. When the cleanout of the container is completed Rusty will contact Paul Susman.

The Commissioners voted to continuing to provide water to the Ashland Community Garden. The water will be turned on before the weekend of May 6-7.

The Commissioners visited the Stewart Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Commissioners went to view different mechanical methods to separate non-biological solids and grit from biological solids. The Stewart Wastewater Treatment Facility uses multiple methods including a vibrating screen.

The Lowell Wastewater Treatment Facility uses two Raptor units but they are being replaced because they are hard to clean and are easily damaged by rocks. The units also do not separate grit from the non-biological waste.

After these visits the Commissioners are considering replacing or reconditioning their headworks using a mechanical or non-mechanical bar racks to complete the initial screening. The Commissioners have concluded that the current methods to remove solids and grit have problems relative to labor, maintenance, repair and cost of operation.

The Commissioners will visit the Lincoln Sewage Treatment Plant facility on Wednesday, May 17, after the scheduled Work Session. The Commissioners will visit the Milford, New Hampshire facility on Wednesday May 18, 2017 during the Work Session..

The CCR document has been reviewed and will be sent out in the next billing cycle. Information pertaining to the flushing of fire hydrants will be sent out in the June billing cycle. Rusty will provide the test results from the hydrant flushing to the Commissioners shortly.

The Commissioners are reviewing a contract with Nobis Engineering to monitor the cracks that have appeared in the building at 6 Collins Street. Alan Cilley is monitoring the cracks to see if they expand.

Tom Schwartz advised Rusty that he is in receipt of the Waste Management Discharge Permit. Mr. Schwartz was asked to renew the permit.

The Commissioners will schedule a meeting with their accountant for May 10, 2017.

For public input the Commissioners were asked about providing water to the community garden. They were also asked about their meeting with the accountant. Both points were clarified. The accountant for the Water and Sewer Department is Reera and Company in Ashland.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. With two votes in the affirmative the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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