

**TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

MINUTES

Committee members present: Paul Arnold (Chairman), Rick Sawyer, Planning Director and Acting Town Manager, Bill Duschatko (Town Councilor), Bruce Thomas (Resident), Richard Moore (Resident), and Mike Sills (Resident). Absent was Kelleigh Murphy (Town Councilor-Alternate).

Meeting came to order at 7:51 a.m.

Jerome Spooner is the new Environmental Coordinator, therefore, Chairman Paul Arnold asked that each member introduce themselves and include a brief background of themselves.

Paul Arnold asked that for future meetings to include ROLL CALL introductions on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Committee member Richard Moore had some comments on the meeting minutes of June 11, 2015. Page 2, paragraph 3, he wanted to clarify on his comment. First sentence should read: "This could create undue pressure for a zoning change." Then the second sentence, after commercial use, include the following: "which is not how it is currently zoned". Next sentence, The first... add the following "step in the" process, then remove would have and add "should be".

The other comment was on page 1, item 1, paragraph 3, second sentence, His client, McQuade Brook, LLC, Bob LaMontagne lives above this piece of property that is situated along Route 101. Mr. Moore indicated he does not live near it, not an abutter. Not sure how to handle this one. Asked if we should put a note indicating he lives at 27 Puritan Drive? Paul Arnold feels the address would be sufficient. Rick Sawyer asked Mr. Moore if he is trying to change the language that was spoken by someone else. Rick Sawyer does not believe we can change the minutes to reflect to clarify someone's statement, unless it was clarified at the time, at the meeting. Rick Sawyer recommended to leave the minutes alone and today's conversation clarifies the record. These minutes and comments can be approved at the next meeting.

Councilor Bill Duschatko commented that McQuade Brook, LLC from the June 11, 2015 meeting was to Table this item until the next meeting. He did not see this particular item on today's agenda. Rick Sawyer mentioned there has been no action by the applicant at this time and nothing new to report.

A motion was made by Mike Sills, second by Bill Duschatko to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carries; with 2 abstentions.

Item III – Discuss IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) meeting – Manchester

Jerome Spooner, Environmental Coordinator, is Steve Crean's replacement and this is his first meeting with the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee. Jerome gave an update of the December 8, 2015 meeting with the City of Manchester. They discussed what the Wastewater Treatment plant is going through, and some of the upgrades at the wastewater facility. Discussion on the Town of Bedford's flow and percentage rate for the cost of the upgrades. The information provided is included in the Meeting Minutes from the City of Manchester from today's hand out.

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Jerome mentioned that on page 2 of the minutes, “Dental Amalgam Separators” – is one of the requirements, he has accomplished this task. Rick asked if he had gone to all dental offices. Jerome indicated not all. He has made phone calls to see if they had the Amalgam Separators, and they do have them, and are also being serviced. He went to one location and verified such.

Paul Arnold asked the committee members to look at this report for the next meeting and asked to get a copy to Kelleigh Murphy who is absent from today’s meeting.

Mike Sills asked if EPA is going to send us a copy of the letter indicating the Town does not need a permit. They are called co-permittee waiver letters. Jerome has not seen anything, but can look it up.

Item IV – Discuss results of CCTV

Jerome reported that 3 miles of the Bedford sewer system was CCTV from Eastman Ave all the way down to behind Bob’s Store. They cameraed, jetted (cleaning) and looked at the quality of the sewer system. Appears to be decent, except for a small area, which was on Hull Road. This one is in the “planning” of fixing.

Jerome mentioned this is part of the CMOM program, as so many feet are required to get done. Mike Trainque, Hoyle, Tanner and Associates, was not able to attend today’s meeting, as he would have been able to speak on the CMOM plan. He should be in attendance at the next meeting at which time he will speak more on the CMOM program. Jerome mentioned he is planning on doing the other half this year, from Bob’s Store to underneath Route 293.

Item V – Update on Greenfield Parkway Sewer

Jerome gave a brief history on the Greenfield Parkway Sewer System. Appears there is a problem with the hydrogen sulfide corroding out the manhole on Liberty Hill Road (on the line). A new manhole has been installed, coated and a new fiberglass composite cover. The next phase of the project is the diverter box inside which will need to be scraped down, recoat and change 2 pipes coming out of the pump station, to be changed to stainless steel pipes. Road construction has been completed. The next phase is the box, strip it before it gets into the box and this will need to be recoated and new pipes installed. Paul Arnold asked if we are doing all the work and if there is any cost sharing with Merrimack?

Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works, mentioned the majority of the repairs were the Town of Bedford’s responsibility. Jim gave the committee some background on Greenfield Farms. This development was built in a few phases, the largest phase in Bedford, but the sewer goes and is treated in Merrimack. The pump station referred to is in Merrimack as well as the manholes that deteriorated. The subdivision is not even 15 years old. Portions have begun to fail, including the roadway as well as sewage. The sewer system is a low pressure system whereby each homeowner has their own ejector pump at their home, which pressurizes the system pushing it into Merrimack and to the pump station for treatment. The vast majority of the cost was ours since most of the homes are from Bedford. Paul Arnold asked if there was pre-treatment of some sort that was going into the manhole causing the corrosion. Jim indicated “No”. This type of system has the sewerage sitting in the pipe until each pressurized system moves it along. This discharges into a deep, 20 foot manhole. We negotiated with Merrimack that we would not take on the project, but would pay for the majority as 98% of the sewage into that manhole is from Bedford. The Town of Merrimack did accept the manhole as well as the pump station some years ago, so it is their project. Hoyle, Tanner and Associates came up with a better design whereby they reduced the depth of the new manhole. Additional work remains as well as further negotiations with Merrimack regarding odor control system. This would be expected to be cost sharing as Merrimack does have homes discharging into the system and it is their system. By contract, we are responsible for corrosion going into the system. Paul Arnold asked, why so deep? Jim indicated that was the design at the time. It is a swampy and clay area, thus movement in the pipes.

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New Business - None

A motion was made by Mike Sills, seconded by Bill Duschatko to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016, 7:45 a.m. at BCTV.

Minutes submitted by Joanne E. Fraser, Executive Assistant to Public Works and Water & Sewer Advisory Committee.

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