



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer
Commissioners

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Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of October 9, 2014

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on October 9, 2014 in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burns, Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Morin.

Consent Items

Minutes of the September 11th meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11th, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

Executive Sessions Minutes of the August 21st meeting – Commissioner Burke made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of August 21st, seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

Appointments

- A. Randi Bradley, 8 Villa Drive (seeking abatement of \$50 administrative fee) – did not attend meeting.
- B. Randy Carbo 146 Dutcher Street (shutoff complaint) – did not attend meeting.
- C. Weston & Sampson (Waste Water Treatment Plant Update) – Daniel Sheahan, P.E. and Kent Nichols Jr., P.E. from Weston and Sampson came before the Board to discuss needed waste water treatment upgrades. There was a power point presentation with a hard copy of the presentation given out. An evaluation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant was done and an O&M manual was prepared. In conclusion they prioritized the needed improvements and the cost of these needed improvements. Highest priority being influent pumping and screening, new secondary clarifiers, UV disinfection equipment and sludge thickening. These items could cost between 6 and 7 million dollars.

New Business

- A. Town Meeting (warrant opening) – the Board was informed that the warrant for Town Meeting opened Tuesday, October 7th, will close Monday, October 20th and Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 18, 2014. The Board discussed

posting a meeting for Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 P.M. in the Draper Room to discuss warrants for the town meeting.

Old Business

- A. Mapping Updates (Ken & John) – both John Schreiber and Ken Webb from the water and wastewater departments stated the mapping was moving along. The water mapping is taking longer than the wastewater. Wastewater mapping may take another week. Ken stated they found some significant issues that will have to be repaired.

- B. Water Treatment Plant (flow tests) – they reviewed how the wells are fighting each other, thinking maybe the curve on the pump is too flat. The idea of putting an underground tank on site in which all the wells would flow into was mentioned again.

Correspondence

- A. Billing Commitment (Sandra) – total commitment for this quarter was \$556,092.36. Bills to be mailed Tuesday, October 14, 2014 and due November 14, 2014.

- B. Shanna O’Grady 30D Country Club Lane – a letter was sent to the Board asking the Board to reconsider her sewer bill. Milford Water switched her meter and found a discrepancy between her inside and outside meters. This created a much larger than normal sewer invoice and the resident was asking for a little relief. Milford did not adjust the water bill so therefore the Board decided we could not adjust the sewer bill either.

Other topics not reasonable anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – None

Managers Update – John Schreiber from the Water Department stated that the mapping was going well, water department working on installing radios and typical maintenance. Ken Webb from the Sewer Department stated mapping going well also and are doing housekeeping at the plant. He stated that one of the irrigation tanks was brought down to clean and brought back up in September.

Ken asked the Board if they wanted to make a decision regarding accepting out of town septic. Commissioner Burke made a motion effective November 1, 2014 we will no longer accept out of town septic and the price of in town septic tickets will increase from \$10 per ticket (\$20 per 1000 gallons) to \$30 per ticket (\$60 per 1000 gallons). This was seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

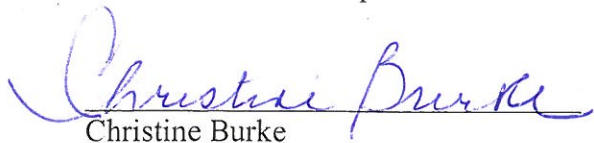
There will be no Executive Session since there are no updates.

Commissioner Morin made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Burke and made unanimous by Chairperson Burns.

I attest to, the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes October 9th, 2014.



Robert Burns – Chairperson



Christine Burke

James Morin