

**Newington Sewer Commission 11/20/2019     DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

**Present:** T. Cole Chairman, R.Stern, T.Hazelton, Commissioners. D.Messier, J.Tolman, Utility Partners.

**Minutes:** Minutes from 10/16/19 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve as amended, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved. Minutes from 10/23/19 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved. Minutes from 10/30/19 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Treasurer's report:** October Treasurer's report and bank statement reviewed. Enterprise Account balance was \$995,529.58. Operating Fund ending balance in September was \$1,007,791.32.

**Manifest Approval:** Discussion on legal expenses, Eversource will reimburse. Motion made to approve the 11/20/19 manifest by R.Stern in the amount of \$64,137.77. Seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved & signed.

**Plant operators report:** Flows are down from last year, sludge as billed. Preventative maintenance was performed per manufacturers recommendations and schedules.

Repaired an issue with septage pump to sludge holding tank.

A microscope in the lab has been replaced with an upgraded version that has a higher power and camera to better see filaments and activity in water. NH DES assisted with this. There have been upsets in the past due to filaments and this newer microscope can more accurately keep track of them.

A spare polymer system pump system has been ordered. This includes the pump, motor, stator, and rotor. Polymer is a coagulant used to create sludge. The current system is 3 years old and issued daily. Polymer can plug and having a spare will minimize downtime for cleaning.

Back-up power supply for equipment has been ordered.

**New Business:** Discussion on sewer rates and a letter from the Board of Selectmen requesting a meeting. The Commissioners discussed the sewer rates, the impacts of sewer rates on all users of the system and being fair to all ratepayers. A comparison of rates with other communities was discussed; including their status with EPA upgrades, number of users, and surcharges. Motion by R.Stern to meet with the Board of Selectmen at their December 2, 2019 meeting at 6 pm. Seconded by T.Hazelton, all in favor, approved. A meeting notice will be posted with these minutes.

**Old Business:** Eversource has begun discharging treated groundwater into the wastewater system. 70,000 gals so far, there has been no effect or impact to the system with the additional discharge. All testing results have well below the NH Drinking Water Standards for PFOA's.

Novel Iron Works is scheduled to install the monorail the first week of December.

Budget committee meeting and hearing schedule for 2019-2020. The Sewer Budget will be discussed on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting will be December 18, 2019 at 9 am at the Newington Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Adjournment:** 9:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser