

Newington Sewer Commission 1/20/2021 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

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

Minutes: Minutes from 12/16/2020 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve, seconded by T.Hazelton.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's report: Enterprise Account balance for December was \$1,344,621.66. Operating Fund ending balance for December was \$1,028,398.55. Budget reviewed.

Manifest Approval: Motion made to approve the 1/20/2021 manifest by R.Stern in the amount of \$501,291.04. 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.

Total nitrogen permit has arrived, will take effect 2/1/21. Intermunicipal agreement cost share range for Great Bay Estuary attached. Need to work on other parts of the permit. Testing requirements start 2/1/21.

New Business: Town requesting meetings be filmed for town website. Discussion ensued. Decision tabled to next meeting to determine more information, looking at usage data for posted commission minutes.

Old Business: Testing of Great Bay portion of the Nitrogen Permit discussed. Proposal for intermunicipal cost sharing was reviewed, Newington's percentage is 1.08%. State Attorney General is reviewing this agreement. Discussion on who puts this out to bid? Who is overseeing this? A group of UNH students have been testing Great Bay already. This permit and the agreement is just for the 12 communities who are the closest to Great Bay. Maine and other NH communities whose discharge will end up in Great Bay are not included. This agreement for municipal cost sharing based on flow makes this plan equitable.

The Forecmain is near completion. The new section of pipe will begin flowing on 1/13/21. Site cleanup has begun. Next week is the punchlist walkthrough and grounds work. There are 2 change orders:

1. A buried manhole was discovered. Pipe and ring added to raise it 3' to ground level.
2. A pipe into the pump station was brittle, was replaced.

Total for both items is approximately \$15,000. There will also be a \$20,000 credit because groundwater mitigation was minimal.

Motion \$15,327.16 by R.Stern to approve the expense of the change order in the amount of \$15,327.16. Seconded by T.Hazelton, all in favor, Approved.

Next meeting Wednesday February 17, 2021 at 9 am at the wastewater treatment plant.

Adjournment: 9:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser