

Newington Sewer Commission 3/16/2022 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:01 am.

Present: T.Hazelton, J.O'Reilly Commissioners. D.Messier, J.Toleman, H2O Innovations. M.Kerry, Wright Pierce Engineers.

Absent: R.Stern, Commissioner.

Guests: E.Kelley Harbour Capital, D.Silk Northeast Planning Associates, K.McMaster CP Management-Property Manager, Great Bay Commons.

Minutes: Motion by J.O'Reilly to table the minutes, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: Discussion with representatives from Great Bay Commons on Shattuck Way. They advised their sewer bills were high and would like to request a pro-rated abatement to deduct the water flow from their irrigation meter from the sewer calculation since it does not enter the wastewater system. Their irrigation system is separately metered, and each condo unit has a separate water meter. Each condo owner pays a portion of the water and sewer bill based on their usage and Property Manager K.McMaster has all their usage data. They have already been in contact with D.Messier to remove the irrigation water flow from their 2022 bill based on 2021 usage. They are requesting to receive a credit for their sewer assessment for previous years. Their irrigation water usage is roughly half of their total property usage. Requesting 623 units be deducted, or just under \$20,000 as a credit or spread over time. A brief discussion ensued, and the Commissioners decided to table to the next meeting when all Commissioners are present to discuss.

Treasurer's report: Enterprise Account balance for February was \$1,346,798.64. Operating Fund ending balance for February was \$1,128,746.56. Discussion on how monies are moved between the town and the Sewer Commission as well as how the Enterprise Fund works.

Manifest Approval: Motion made to approve the 3/16/2022 manifest by T.Hazelton in the amount of \$147,584.16. Seconded by J.O'Reilly. 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.

2022 Contract Adjustment from H2O Innovations will be presented at the April meeting.

New Business: Discussion on sludge disposal to Hawk Ridge Compost Facility in Maine. The State of Maine may stop all land application of sludge material due to PFOAs, whether composted or limed. Sludge may need to go to a lined landfill. If this happens the composted material cannot be sold in Maine. Per our contract, Casella is responsible for the disposal of our sludge, but there could be a potential substantial cost increase.

D.Messier looking into adding a dumpster to the WWTP. Formerly contracted L.Thomas used to pick up rags and grit and not sure if the new trash company would take those.

2022 Sewer Use charges discussed. With no offset from the Enterprise Fund, the rate would be \$39.98. Explanation of how rates are calculated. Last year the rate was \$29.77. Discussion of offsets and different rate amounts, Commissioners decided to table further discussion to the next meeting.

Old Business: NHDES Audit report reviewed. This was a desktop inspection, D.Messier emailed materials for review. Recommendations for a different method of calculation for nitrogen, our formula was not incorrect but would like us to change to new formula. Reports to be filed electronically and reporting eRules. D.Messier will complete his report to submit back.

Reviewed letter from M.Curry from Wright-Pierce in regards to the Sewer Use Ordinance update requested by NH DES. During the audit for the industrial pre-treatment, it was requested that the decade old ordinance be updated. The ordinance was developed prior to 2000 and was last updated in 2011 – it covers anything you want to control in a wastewater system. The original quote from Wright Pierce was for an update. D.Messier requested it be focused to just address the industrial pre-treatment. M.Kerry present to explain and answer questions. New quote for \$2,500, but it might be less. Wright-Pierce will cross compare between documents and confer with NH DES on what they are looking for. Anticipating that it will most likely include language on PFOAs. While the state can't mandate PFOA requirements, we will have to follow them. Motion by J.O'Reilly to approve the Wright-Pierce proposal to update the wastewater pre-treatment ordinance not to exceed \$2,500 and further to authorize D.Messier to sign in contract. Seconded by T.Hazelton, all in favor, approved.

Next meeting will be Wednesday April 20, 2022, at 9 am at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Adjournment: 9:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser