

**Newington Sewer Commission 7/15/2020      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 6/17/2020 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved. Minutes from 6/17/2020 non-public session reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve and to seal the minutes for 5 years, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Minutes from 6/24/2020 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve as amended, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved. Minutes from 6/24/2020 non-public session reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve as amended and to seal the minutes for 5 years, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Treasurer's report:** Discussion on a wire transfer fee for State of NH reimbursal payment. June Treasurer's report and bank statement reviewed. Discussion on the possibility of investing monies in the Enterprise account to earn a higher interest rate. D.Messier will investigate. Enterprise Account balance for June was \$943,466.51. Operating Fund ending balance for June was \$960,661.57.

**Manifest Approval:** Motion made to approve the 7/15/2020 manifest by R.Stern in the amount of \$78,120.06. 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.

Eversource has paid the total invoice from the Seacoast Reliability Project.

Cassella Organics has notified D.Messier of new State of Maine testing requirements for Sludge PFOAs. Testing will occur twice a month and there will be an increase in our contracted cost to cover this. It's a controlled environment test. The additional cost may be offset by the lower sludge totals. First test is next week.

D.Messier is in the process of obtaining the new Plant permit. The new permit may require different fecal coliform testing. Our draft permit has been received.

Discussion ensued on the flows for next year and how rates will be assessed. Rates are based on previous years water usage and with so many businesses that closed due to COVID-19 it will impact the setting of sewer rates. It is hoped the State will have a plan for supporting wastewater plants. Upcoming development within the sewer district was also discussed.

D.Messier is waiting to hear back from the state on the State Aid Grant that was applied for.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** Wright-Pierce updated cost and schedule reviewed. Advertising on 7/22/2020, bid opening 8/21/2020. Project should begin September 2020. Project walk through will be both in-person and via Zoom. There may be additional costs for PFOA testing. The groundwater has already tested positive for PFOAs.

Next regular meeting will be August 19, 2020 at 9 am at the Newington Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Adjournment:** 10:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser