

Newington Sewer Commission 11/16/2022 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:01 am.

Present: R.Stern, T.Hazelton, J.O'Reilly, Commissioners. D.Messier, A.Wright, H2O Innovations. B.McDougall, Napoli Group.

Minutes: Motion by J.O'Reilly to approve the October minutes, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved. Discussion on September minutes, correction made. Motion by J.O'Reilly to approve the amended September minutes, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: Bob McDougall, VP Napoli group, owner of McDonalds advised that in 2020 they installed a separate meter in to separate water for irrigation. D.Messier advised that he had just recently received data for the past 2 years. Percentage was about 50% and the sewer bill for the previous 2 years has been paid. B.McDougall advised that percentage is not normally that high, this was during the pandemic when restaurant was closed and there was a leak in the irrigation system. Normally the irrigation usage would be about 25%. At other locations the municipality reads both meters, Portsmouth only reads the main meter since they only provide water in Newington and not sewer. Discussion on Portsmouth water meters.

The Commissioners asked B.McDougall what he was requesting – a credit for the sewer assessment on water that was used for irrigation. J.O'Reilly requested to table this to the next meeting in order to review the numbers and determine if the usage numbers are the same at other locations.

Treasurer's report: Discussion on incoming sewer payments, most accounts paid in full. Enterprise Account balance for October was \$1,351,617.66. Operating Fund ending balance for October was \$1,211,185.39.

Manifest Approval: Motion made to approve the 11/16/2022 manifest by J.O'Reilly in the amount of \$50,884.27. Seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved & signed.

Plant operators report: Flows are up slightly from last year, sludge as billed. Preventative maintenance was performed per manufacturers recommendations and schedules by J.Scotton.

New employee Ariel Wright starting on 11/21/22, she is a Grade 4 operator. D.Messier will be staying on as a consultant after retirement on January 20th.

New Business: D.Messier received public notice of Modification of General Permit MA-NFG580000 for Newington Facility. Testing for fecal coliform that has been sent by courier 3x/week will potentially change to a test that can be completed in-house 7 days a week. This change is out for public comment through the end of January. The new permit will hopefully be issued by April or May. The permit is renewed every 5 years and does include PFOA and PFAS testing.

Old Business: Review of irrigation meter policies for different communities. D.Messier and A.Wright will have a policy drafted by the December meeting. Many of the policies require a permit for a separate irrigation meter that must be installed by a NH licensed plumber. Discussion on policies for other municipalities, irrigation meter reading, water usage that does not go into the sewer system, and the need for drafting a formal policy.

Budget committee meeting on 1/4/23 at 6:35 pm to review the Sewer budget.

Next meeting will be Wednesday December 21, 2022, at 9 am at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Adjournment: 9:42

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser