

Water and Wastewater Commission Meeting

February 9, 2015 5:00 PM

Approved on March 16, 2015

Present: Mary Lane, Chair, James Jamele, Karen Starr and Greg Chamberlin, Facility Operator

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Chair Lane.

January Minutes Karen asked for clarification about the storm drain issue referred to in the January 12, 2015 minutes. Greg spoke about the issues with the storm drains around town and informed us that the drain on the corner of Towne Avenue is the one that showed a problem when they did the smoke test. The storm drain concerns will be ongoing with the State and the Town with the biggest issue being which entity will be responsible for them.

Jim moves to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 and January 21, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mary. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

Facility Operator's update Greg reported that "Hartigan" had to come twice to clean out a major clog in the Martin Meadow area. A lot of wipes, among other things, were found in the cleaning out process. There was also a lot of grease found. Greg has spoken to the residence where he thinks the grease is coming from. The flushing of items that should not be flushed is a continuing serious problem. Wipes, floss, grease and personal hygiene items to name a few. We need to get the word out that these items are causing us to incur high disposal costs and if we lowered these costs it would pay for a good portion of the upgrades that we need. We need to target landlords about the costs that are caused by flushing things that should not be flushed ultimately raising the Wastewater rates. Greg wants to add something to the CCR but it was discussed that this doesn't reach tenants. Another idea was to make a brochure and bring it to each apartment. Jim will introduce Greg at Town Meeting and ask the Moderator to let him speak and Greg will speak to this serious issue. Greg also reported that Tristan continues to do well and is signed up for the Wastewater class. Greg further reported that his laptop no longer works and needs to be replaced. The commission also recommended that he get an external hard drive for saving data. Mary motions to approve Greg purchasing a laptop and external hard drive and the cost to have it properly set up. Seconded by Jim. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

Lake Champlain TMDL Greg has not yet discussed this further with Jason Booth but he is looking into alternatives to the chemical feed system. He has contacted "Ecosolutions" and they will come to the plant and give us some preliminary ideas.

Raises and COLA Mary motions that if Greg and Tristan receive the industry standard raise on or before July 1, 2015 they will not receive the COLA until July 2016. Seconded by Karen. Mary and Karen voted in favor of the motion and Jim abstained.

Personnel Policy Mary and David Strong have gone through most of the policy but they need to meet again to finish. It is ongoing.

The next meeting will be March 16, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Jim moves to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Mary. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol J. Smith