

Bradford Water & Sewer Commission Minutes
April 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Bradford Academy Building

Commissioner: Robert W. Nutting, Lunnie Lang, Robert Lefebvre, Leonard Dobbins & Larry Drew
Operators: Jonathan Thornton, Chief Water & Sewer Operator, Ron Moore, Assistant Sewer Operator
Recording Clerk: Bridget Simmons, Office Manager
Others: n/a
Absent: n/a

Meeting called to order by Larry Drew at 6:33 pm

Visitors & Public Comment:

- Ron Moore would like to thank everyone for the flowers sent for the funeral, he very much appreciate it.

Minutes:

- **Motion made by Lunnie Lang to approve minutes from March 8, 2016 as submitted. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

Chief Water & Sewer Operators Report:

- **Motion made by Robert Lefebvre to approve the Chief Water & Sewer Operators report as submitted. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

Water - New & Old Business:

- **New Business:**
 - Great news - The daily gallons pumped are way down, in fact, they are the lowest that they have been in the 11 years that Jon has been the water operator. Currently pumping 198,700 GPD down from 257,664 GPD this time last year.
 - It's time to have our water storage tank inspected again. We have an estimate from M&K Commercial Diving, LLC - this is the company that performed the inspection last time, they provided us with 2 prices, one without a diver and one with.
 - **Motion made by Lunnie Lang to accept the estimate from M&K Commercial Diving, LLC, either with or without the diver, which ever they see fit upon inspection. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**
- **Old Business:**
 - Lester Nutting is wondering why the Selectboard will not respond to him in regards to his property markers, unfortunately our hands are tied, we've done everything we can on our end. Jon & Bridget brought Leonard up to speed on the entire situation.

Sewer - New & Old Business:

- No new or old business to report.

Water & Sewer Orders:

- **Motion made by Lunnie Lang to approve the orders dated April 12, 2016 as written. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

Other Business:

- **Late Payments:**
 - There were 2 customers, out of the 600 customer who misunderstood when the payment was due. The bill said March, however the notice that went out said we were going to change the due dates, thus there was some confusion. These 2 customers are asking that we remove their late fees. Lunnie feels that we should give them a credit because there is only a couple people that misunderstood this billing confusion. Lunnie feels that it's in our best interest to give these 2 small credits. Leonard disagrees; he feels that everyone else understood when the bill was due and that they should have paid their bills on time.

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- **Motion made by Leonard Dobbins not give a credit due to the fact that everyone else understood the bill due date. So voted. Motion passed. (4-1) four in favor 1 against - Lunnie Lang.**
- **Potential Grant:**
 - **There is an opportunity for a grant, which is either \$10,000 or \$20,000 - we have to match 20%, this grant is for future planning. We are looking for permission to contact Mark Youngstrom and see if this is something that we have a need for.**
 - **Motion made by Robert W. Nutting to have Jon & Bridget contact Mark Youngstrom and see if this "planning grant" is something the commission can benefit from and then work from there on this line that needs to be replaced on the upper plain/fairground road. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**
- **Miscellaneous Topics:**
 - **Lunnie needs the water & sewer located down by Hannaford for Green Mountain Power so they can set a pole.**
 - **Jon provided the commissioner with bottles to take samples for lead testing.**

Executive Session:

- **Motion made by Larry Drew to enter into executive session to discuss a legal issue regarding B.S. at 7:20 pm. 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (1). Those in attendance were invited to stay. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**
- **Exited executive session at 7:26 - Action to be taken: No action to be taken at this point. We will just wait until we hear from our lawyer as to when the court date will be.**

Motion made by Larry Drew to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bridget Simmons, Recording Clerk