

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

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

Meeting called to order by Lunnie Lang at 6:29 pm

Visitors & Public Comment:

- **Ron Huntington:**
 - Ron expressed concerns regarding the rate structure. Ron feels that he is being charged too much at his apartment houses. Ron indicated that he may have more than one "kitchen" in each house, but it is still only one house and doesn't feel that he should be charged several units. Ron feels that he shouldn't be charge "more" than a place that uses much more water/sewer, who also has a much larger impact on the sewer
 - Robert Lefebvre expressed that he does not like it either; he said that we have tried several different times to re-work the billing structure. Robert explained that we have to cover our overhead and that is why we have the "fixed" costs, such as the bond and base.
 - Lunnie Lang explained to Ron that we are working with Mark Youngstrom of Otter Creek Engineering to consider a new rate structure. Mark is currently working to put together something to present to the Commissioner. Mark Youngstrom has worked with several other towns in the past in regards to re-working their rate structure and has been very successful in making it fair for all those involved.

Minutes:

- **Motion made by Robert Lefebvre to approve minutes from June 15, 2016 as submitted. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)**

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. (4-0)**

Water - New & Old Business:

- No new or old business.

Sewer - New & Old Business:

- No new or old business.

Water & Sewer Orders:

- Jon pointed out that the only thing in the orders that is different than normal is the permit fee to the State of Vermont - the State is now charging us \$100 to dig in the road any time we have a repair. **Motion made by Lunnie Lang to approve the orders dated July 12, 2016 as written. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)**

Other Business:

- No other business to report.

Executive Session - Personnel:

- **Motion made by Leonard Dobbins that the Commissioner has determined that a personnel issue needs be discussed in executive session because the premature general public knowledge would place the Town at substantial disadvantage. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)**
- **Motion made by Robert W. Nutting to go into executive session at 6:58 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1) inviting Bridget Simmons, Jonathan Thornton and Ron Moore to attend. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)**

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- Commissioner's exited executive session at 7:12 p.m.
 - Commissioner's received a letter from Linda Nault regarding her payment plan and recent conversation she had with Bridget in which Bridget made an inappropriate statement. Bridget agreed that the statement was inappropriate and will not make it again.
 - Bridget Simmons is to send a letter to Raymond & Linda Nault telling them that their bill needs to be paid in full by 10:00 am on Monday August 8th or her water service will be terminated until the bill has been paid in full.

Motion made by Robert Lefebvre to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bridget Simmons, Recording Clerk