

Antrim Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting

Minutes September 11, 2023

Present: Superintendent- Matt Miller, Commissioners- Melissa Lombard, Peter Beblowski, Sam Harding. Selectman Robert Edwards

Meeting location Sewer Plant 17:30 hrs.

- 1.) Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.
- 2.) Matt indicated that there are two applications for connection to the town water and sewer for the commission to review and approve. The two new homes requesting water/sewer connection are located on upper High street on the east side. In addition Matt reviewed request for a sewer abatement charge for a swimming pool water fill on North Main St, the commission reviewed and approved the water/sewer user's sewer charge abatement.
- 3.) Well Water Project: Matt reported that there is a delay in the start of construction of the Well house project at the Bennington site. Apparently there is a requirement for additional approval from the State of NHDOT Rail Bureau to obtain the rail crossing easement. The matter is in the hands of the New Hampshire Department of Cultural and Natural Resources (NH DNCR) Mr. Robert Spoerl stated the existing easement did not cover the entire project area. Underwood Engineering was contacted and sent Mr. Spoerl a copy of the plans and together Underwood Engineering and Mr. Spoerl drafted an amendment to the existing easement. This request will go before the State's Attorney Generals (AG) office for review and then before the Governor and Council (G&C) for final approval. This process won't make the docket until the (G&C) October meeting at the earliest. The site contractor does not want to begin the project until the entire site has proper easement approval.
- 4.) Sewer Plant lead treatment and planning update. Matt indicated that the Sewer Plant lead abatement planning program was entering the final stages toward completion. There was a small surplus in the grant funding, Underwood Engineering is to use the remaining funds to perform additional testing of lead levels. These levels "perhaps" were effected by (heavy rains) with very high water flows into the plant during the project time period. Additional results and reviews will lead to a more complete strategy addressing the lead abatement chemical program.
- 5.) The Sanitary Survey Letter from DES was reviewed and discussed. The six page letter dated August 30, 2023 from NH DES Thomas H. Willis, Jr. P.E. Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, Triennial Sanitary Survey 06/12/2023 is on file at the Sewer Department Offices and available for public review. The Commission agreed to continue to act upon the recommendations listed in the survey.
- 6.) Town of Antrim Capital Improvement Worksheet was discussed between the commission and selectman Edwards as to how to successfully complete the 2023 worksheet. At the forefront of the commission capital improvement requests for funding is the recent development in the NHDES required lead abatement plant combined with a solar panel "electric" generating plant. This request for funding is a result of Antrim's good fortune and qualification for funding grants at the State level for 2024 with our project qualifying for grant funding at number three on the 2023/2024 NH DES Pre-Project Qualification Request list. Matt is to work on completing the town CIP worksheet list.
- 7.) The commission reviewed, approved and signed the department disbursements reports and warrants.

Next meeting Oct 2, 2023 5:30pm (17:30)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm 19:15 hrs.

Sam Harding recording secretary