

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
November 19, 2013
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Alan Cilley called the meeting to order and called the roll at 7:01 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Cilley, Robert Boyle, John Hughes

OTHERS PRESENT: Paula Hancock, Bobby Porter, Mardean and Eli Badger, Normand DeWolf, Christine Cilley, Sandra Coleman, Rusty Cross, Steven Felton and Linda Pack.

NEW BUSINESS: Alan Cilley advised those present that as of Thursday, November 14, 2013 Mr. Robert Boyle had stepped down as chairman of the Water and Sewer Commission. Mr. Alan Cilley has assumed the chairmanship of the Commission. Mr. Boyle is now Vice Chair of the Commission.

The Commission discussed the issue of the raising of water and sewer rates and the reasons behind the raising of rates. Mr. Boyle made a motion to rescind rate to 35 cents for water and \$1.20 for sewer. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed. The discussion concerning the rates continued.

The Commissioners discussed the grant application from Weston and Sampson. The application will be completed by Friday, November 22. It will cost the Department \$10,000 as the grant is a matching funds grant up to \$15,000.

The Commissioners discussed the issue of Emory and Garrett. The Commissioners would like to see a written contract from Emory and Garrett. The written contract would be for Emory and Garrett to compile data they did in December and January for salt remediation in the town wells. This project should not exceed \$10,000. This expenditure will be paid by the Water and Sewer Department after the Town decided not to pay half the cost of the contract. The contract needs to be signed.

The Commissioners discussed a second proposal from Emory and

Garrett concerning a study to find an alternative groundwater source in case of an emergency. The estimated cost of this study would be \$300,000. It was the consensus of the Commissioners not to pursue this proposal at this time.

John Hughes made the following motion: to get a written contract between Emory and Garrett and the Ashland Water and Sewer Department for salt monitoring and have the chairman of the Commission sign the contract. Alan Cilley seconded the motion. The vote was three yes votes. It was a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners discussed entering into a service contract with Emory and Garrett for the Avery well site for monitoring salt remediation for 2013-2017. The Commissioners discussed the cost of the service contract. The costs discussed were as follows: years 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017 the cost will be \$6,500 per year. For year 2015 the cost will be \$7,500 for that year. Alan Cilley made a motion to enter into a contract with Emory and Garrett. John Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was two yes and one no. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners discussed the present disposition of the pipeline on Leavitt Hill. After much discussion it was decided that the Commissioners need to meet with Barry Gaw to discuss details about the pipeline. A meeting with Mr. Gaw will be scheduled as soon as possible.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the scheduling of future work sessions for the Commissioners through the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to come before the Commissioners Robert Boyle made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hancock
For the Water and Sewer Department