

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
July 7, 2015
6 Collins Street
Ashland, NH
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eli Badger.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members present at this meeting were Eli Badger, Alan Cilley and David Toth.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Members of the public present at the meeting were Christine Cilley, Normand DeWolf, and Fran Newton.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that Rusty Cross would not be attending this meeting. All business concerning Utility Partners was tabled until the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

Eli Badger updated the Commissioners about the Water Management Grant. He advised that the Commissioners will meet with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, July 20 at which time he expects that the Board of Selectmen will advise them that the grant monies are in the bank.

Eli Badger advised that the Septage Receiving Grant was accepted with revisions. He explained that the grant needed to be rewritten to meet the specifications of the grant.

Eli Badger spoke about the Lane property, the old mill property in downtown Ashland. He explained that he had had a nice conversation with Mr. Lane concerning some storm water infiltration in the sub sub basement of the property. The Commissioners decided that they will need to find someone qualified in hazardous materials inspection to go and view the sub-basement of the property to ascertain the extent of the storm water infiltration problem as well as any other hazardous situations in the sub- basement. The Commissioners will contact DES for an approved list of engineers or companies that do hazardous material removal. Mr. Lane will meet with Rusty to set up a site visit.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that the department website is slowly being put together. The navigation portion of the site needs to be done as well as various individual items on the site.

David Toth advised the Commissioners that the next meeting of the Capital Improvement Committee will be Thursday, July 30 at 7:30 PM. There will be a meeting with the Budget Committee on Thursday, August 13. David Toth advised the Commissioners that he will need to put together a Profits and Loss Statement to present to the Budget Committee. The Profits and Loss Statement will show the profits and losses of the department for the first six months of 2015.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that Jeff Provost has offered to put together a new budget. Eli advised Jeff that he needed to put together what the department would be saving with this new budget or the Commissioners would have to decline his offer.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners of a new grant available to the department. The grant needs a narrative created. The Commissioners need to look at the amount of money offered by the grant and the type of project the grant will cover. We might be able to mold the grant to a project we need completed.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that Ashland Lumber advised him that the Water and Sewer Department has a \$473 credit. Ashland Lumber is inquiring if the department wants to have this remain a credit or wants a check in the amount of \$473. Alan Cilley will look into the matter.

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that he was in receipt of a Local Source Water Protection grant. This is a DES grant available to towns that are actively looking for alternative water sources or secondary water sources for their town drinking water. Ashland finds that their water at the town wells is high in salt. This is due to the salt runoff from I-93 which is close to the wells location. Ashland Water and Sewer will apply for the monies to put toward finding an alternative and secondary source of the town's drinking water.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners David Toth made a motion to adjourn. Alan seconded the motion. With three votes in the affirmative the motion passed. The meeting concluded at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hancock
For the Ashland Water & Sewer Dept.

