

**Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes**  
**August 18, 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, Fran Newton, Mardean Badger, and Steve Felton.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Eli Badger advised the Commissioners that with Rusty Cross not being present at this evening's meeting the Utility Partners monthly report would be tabled and taken up at the next regularly scheduled Water and Sewer Commission meeting.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the problem of late payment of both residential and commercial water bills and sewer bills. The present regulation gives residents and businesses 30 days to pay Water and Sewer Dept. bills. At present the payment of bills for some residents and business is 90 days. No decision was made on the issue at this meeting; further discussion of the problem needs to take place.

The Commissioners and Steve Felton, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, discussed the Thompson Street project. The discussion dealt with the engineering study needed to be completed on the project. One point of discussion was discerning the total cost of the engineering study, the portion of the cost that the Water and Sewer Department and the Town will share. The other point was the amount of time the engineering study would take to complete and could the study be accomplished in time for Town Meeting in March 2016. The Commissioners, Steve Felton for the Board of Selectmen and Tim Paquette for the Public Works Department will meet on Wednesday, August 26 at 10 AM at the Water and Sewer Commission Office to discuss the details of the engineering study and move the study toward completion. There was discussion of a joint meeting with the Water and Sewer Department and the Board of Selectmen to work out the details of the engineering study and to explain to the Ashland residents and businessmen the necessity

for the engineering project and the necessity for the completion of the Thompson Street Project.

A subsequent warrant article needs to be drafted to be presented at Town Meeting to cover the anticipated cost of the engineering study and the Thompson Street Project. The Commissioners will supply a list of engineering firms that can deal with the engineering study. The Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen need clarification of the following points:

- What are the engineers dealing with
- Particular details and information needed specifically by the Water and Sewer Department relative to the engineering study
- The cost of the engineering study and the total cost of the Thompson Street Project
- The cost of a warrant article for the upcoming Town Meeting

The Commissioners were advised that the fire hydrants in town need to be flushed on a regular schedule. Failing to flush the hydrants can impact the town substantially. It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners that the scheduling of the flushing of the hydrants has become a problem. The Commissioners will meet with Rusty Cross to look into the future scheduling of the flushing of the hydrants.

Eli Badger had a conversation with Robert Daniel of the NH Drinking Water Bureau concerning the chlorination that was being routed into the Ames Brook. Mr. Daniel explained that the State was not particularly concerned if Ashland had a plan to deal with the chlorination problem.

The Water and Sewer Department is planning to disconnect a fire hydrant near Hall and Mechanic Street and reestablish a new fire hydrant further up the street and away from buildings. This will assist in isolating any future leaks in that portion of the system. No date has been set for the start of this project.

The Commissioners advised that Brandon Hiltz, the contractor for the Riverside Drive Project has yet to meet with Commissioners to discuss the details of the project and the details of the contract for the project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. David Toth seconded the motion. With three votes in the affirmative the motion passed. The meeting concluded at 7:45 PM.

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