

Ashland Water and Sewer Department
Meeting Notes
June 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Cilley, Mr. Paquette, and Mr. Toth present.

The commissioners held a debrief of a meeting with the Pemigewasset Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) on June 27, 2017. The subject of the Ashland Septage Lagoons appeared on the PRLAC agenda, and the commissioners requested to attend the meeting. Previously, William Bolton, Chair of PRLAC, sent an email to NHDES expressing concerns about the lagoons. The email led to an NHDES inspection of the Ashland WWTF. Superintendent Rusty Cross reported that the WWTF passed the inspection. Mr. Toth contacted Mr. Bolton and explained that his email contained misinformation. Mr. Bolton said that he had received the information from an Ashland selectman.

At the meeting David Toth, Alan Cilley, Tony Guinta, and Mike Ciance explained the Nobis report on the lagoons and addressed concerns expressed by PRLAC about a 1996 NHDES report on the lagoons. The Nobis report establishes a baseline that will be used to determine whether the lagoons are damaged during construction of Northern Pass towers. The 1996 NHDES Report establishes a leakage rate for the lagoons that is used to determine the requirements for ground water discharge permitting. The department provided a copy of the most recent test ground water discharge test results that show that the lagoons meet discharge regulations. The group also discussed Northern Pass. PRLAC members expressed their concerns about cutting trees and vegetation along the Pemigewasset River. The commissioners agreed to provide PRLAC with copies of the Nobis Report and a copy of the Emery and Garret Report that provides requirements for construction on the well field.

Rusty Cross has purchased new security software and will install it on department computers.

Jim Terabassi will demonstrate CMMS software on July 12, 2017.

A manufacturer's representative will demonstrate the Beast on July 11, 2017.

The commissioners agreed to line the Main Street Sidewalk in preparation for the sidewalk renovation under the TAP grant.

Rusty Cross will contact Lystek to get updated information.

Dave Toth will contact George Sansoucy to determine what engineering support remains to be done for Northern Pass hearings.

Dave Toth said that he would be attending a meeting of the Planning Board to discuss the timeline for Planning Board Review of the Septage Receiving Station Site Plan.

GIS training will take place on June 29, 2017.

The town is applying for an SRF loan for the Thompson St. project. The department will share the costs if the loan is approved.

Alan Cilley will set up a meeting with Donna Boswick to discuss department accounting needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Meeting Notes prepared by David Toth