

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Eli Badger at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present at the meeting were Eli Badger and Alan Cilley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public present at the meeting were Christine Cilley, Rusty Cross and Paula Hancock

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Partners Report: Rusty Cross submitted his monthly report to the Commissioners. Rusty reported that he was waiting for a part to a motor for the town well. He was sure that the repair of the motor for the town well would take care of the present problem with the well.

The Commissioners were notified of a burst water pipe at the Booster Club. Rusty reported that the pipe had frozen and burst. The Booster Club owners were asking for a rebate for the incident in the amount of \$700. After a brief discussion the Commissioners were looking for more information about the incident as well as a written request for the rebate. Eli will contact the Booster Club owners and follow up on the incident.

The Commissioners received a Notice of Violation dated in July. The issues cited in the Notice of Violation have been complied with and the work requested has been completed. A letter to the State will be forthcoming indicating compliance and that the requested work has been completed.

Eli Badger will follow up with the Water Asset Management Grant request for more paperwork.

Eli Badger will follow up with a Mr. Routhier concerning the River Side Drive Project.

The Commissioners briefly reviewed the income figures for the sewer department advising that the income figures are holding steady.

Rate Increase Discussion

The Commissioners discussed briefly the water rates for the upcoming department budget. The Commissioners are asking for a budget of \$290,000 for the water department. This breaks down to residential customers an increase in water rates paying \$380/year in the upcoming budget. Commercial customers will see an increase in water rates and pay \$1,000/ year. Industrial customers will see an increase in water rates and pay \$1,000/year. It was pointed out that if this increase were spread over two years it would come to an increase of \$15/month.

If the increases are phased in over two years then we need to decrease the budget this year. The Commissioners advised that more discussion needs to be done concerning the budget. No motions or decisions were made at this meeting. The Commissioners were discussing water rate increases in general terms. More discussion needs to be done concerning the water and sewer rates for the upcoming budget. A final decision was put off to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. Eli Badger seconded the motion. With two votes in the affirmative the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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