

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
March 3, 2015
6 Collins Street
Ashland, NH
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present at the meeting were Eli Badger, Alan Cilley and David Toth, appointed interim commissioner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public present were Christine Cilley, Rusty Cross, Norman DeWolf, Fran Newton, and Paula Hancock.

NEW BUSINESS: Eli Badger advised those present the appointment of Mr. David Toth as Interim Commissioner until elections at Town Meeting in one week.

Eli Badger advised those present that he had met with representatives of Weston and Sampson to discuss issues of sewer collection and department budget. He discussed with them permitting issues. Weston and Sampson will send a draft of an agreement to be presented to the DES and EPA at a future date. Any issues between the Ashland Water and Sewer Commission and Weston and Sampson will tentatively be settled by the end of May. Weston and Sampson have been given all the GIS reports to date for their upcoming report.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the issue of appointing themselves as agents to expend monies. Feeling that the issue needed more discussion the decision was made to table the issue until their next scheduled meeting.

Eli Badger advised those present that a town well that had been deactivated back in the late 1990s was presently being reassessed. It appears that the well has all items needed for activation except for a motor. When examined the well site was found to have ethaline dibromide on the site. Eli Badger contacted Gary Lyons from the State Remediation Program to see if this chemical is covered under the State Remediation Program for reclamation of the site. Eli Badger contacted Emery and Garrett to obtain any documentation concerning the original closing of the site back in 1996.

The Commissioners discussed at length several meetings they have scheduled between themselves and Woodard and Curren, and Anne Getchell. After considering scheduling the Commissioners decided to meet with Woodard and Curren initially and then follow up with Anne Getchell. If it is necessary there will be a meeting scheduled with all three parties in attendance to discuss issues important to all parties.

Eli advised that he should contact Rural Development Authority concerning the ramifications of a grant/loan for an upcoming Capital Improvement Project. The project will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and the public next year.

Among public questions put to the Commissioners was could the State assist in paying for the reclamation of the new well site. It is hoped that the State will assist the Commissioners in reclaiming the well site for use of the well as a back up to their present well system.

Norman DeWolf asked the Commissioners if there was any way the Water and Sewer Commission could help the town in their bond payment. Eli Badger replied for the Commissioners to say "We feel it is unwise with the present condition of our water department to do this at this time." The answer was no to Norman DeWolf's question.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. Dave Toth seconded the motion. With three votes in the affirmative the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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