

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes
July 21, 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, Rusty Cross, Tim Paquette, Steve Bulliard, Mardean Badger, and Pat Morrill.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rusty Cross submitted to the Commissioners the Utility Partners monthly report. He advised that the paperwork for the reader system for the water meters was in process and would be submitted shortly.

Michelle Roberts, owner of CyberFerm Inc., advised the Commissioners that she was working on a geo referencing as part of the GIS project she was contracted to complete. She was compiling a list of GIS points as well as a list indicating the location of each manhole in the town of Ashland. She explained the information contained in her GIS list as well as the manhole location list. Michelle discussed with the Commissioners the timeline for the remainder of her contract. The Commissioners will discuss with her in more detail her present contract.

Tim Paquette, Department of Public Works Department Head, discussed with the Commissioners the present disposition of the Thompson Street Project. After much discussion, the Commissioners thought that it would not be worthwhile to extend sewer lines past where they presently exist on Thompson Street. The Commissioners questioned if the costs for the engineering needed to extend the present sewer lines would be worth it at this time. The Commissioners expressed that they were still interested in the project. They will look into the engineering aspect of the project as soon as possible.

The Commissioners received a report from Woodard and Curran recommending a flushing fire hydrant on the Winona Road. The Commissioners were concerned the recommendation did not

address the chlorination of the flushed water nor the fact that the de-chlorinated water would be pumped back into Ames Brook. The Commissioners did discuss the option of installing a flushing hydrant that has a timer installed so only a certain amount of water is flushed at any given time and there is an automatic shut-off. The flushing hydrant would be the more expensive option. The options for this project being checked into are:

- Securing a grant to pay for the installation and labor for a flushing hydrant
- Investigate what charges would be incurred from Utility Partners for the project
- Investigate the costs involved if the project was given to a local contractor.

The Commissioners discussed the Riverside Drive Project. They have received a bid of \$75,000 to complete the project. After some discussion as to their options David Toth made the following motion: I move to accept the bid of \$75,000 from Brandon Hiltz for the Riverside Drive Project. Alan Cilley seconded the motion. With three yes votes the motion passed.

The Commissioners discussed the need for an alarm system for the Treatment Plant. Alan Cilley made the motion to proceed with the purchase of an alarm system not to exceed the amount of \$881.99. David Toth seconded the motion. With three yes votes the motion passed.

The Commissioners discussed the installation of a fire hydrant at the mill property. Alan Cilley made a motion to hire a contractor to install and cap a hydrant at the corner of Hill and Mechanic Streets. The cost will not exceed \$9,999. David Toth seconded the motion. There were three yes votes. The motion passed.

Mrs. Patricia Morrill addressed the Commissioners requesting a rebate on her sewer bill for the months of June, July, August, and September. Alan Cilley made a motion to rebate a portion of Mrs. Morrill's June sewer bill. Let the sewer rebate be reflected in the July, August and September sewer bills. David Toth seconded the motion. With three yes votes the motion passed. It was requested by the Commissioners that her rebate request be put in writing and sent to the Water and Sewer Department. The Commissioners upon receipt of the request will sign off on it.

There was a request from the public for the Commissioners to make every effort to see that the Thompson Street project be completed.

Adjournment:

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners Alan Cilley made a motion to adjourn. David Toth seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

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