

Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes

May 3, 2016

6 Collins Street

Ashland, NH

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members present for the meeting were Eli Badger, Alan Cilley and David Toth.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Others present for the meeting were Rusty Cross, Mardean Badger, Fran Newton and Normand DeWolfe.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rusty Cross, representing Utility Partners, distributed the monthly report to the Commissioners for their review. He reported that well 2 of the town well system is not working. The well has been inspected. It was found that the motor on well 2 needs replacement. A new well motor has been ordered and will be installed sometime next week.

Rusty reported that the pump in Station 2 has a problem with its electronics. This malfunction causes the alarm system on the pump to engage. This was happening approximately every two hours all weekend. The computer program that runs the pump in Station 2 needs to be changed. Rusty needs to find someone knowledgeable about this particular program to come in and affect the changes.

Rusty reported that two fire hydrants in town need to be dug up and replaced. The project is scheduled to take place Thursday or Friday of next week.

Rusty advised that the meter reader has been fixed. There are several meters in town that need to be updated.

Eli reported a good meeting with the Northern Pass representatives recently. The representatives were comfortable with the Water and Sewer Department concerns about the project. The engineers retained by Ashland explained to the Northern Pass representatives the engineering and other costs involved in this project. The Northern Pass representatives offered to pay for some of the engineering costs of the project. A representative representing the Intervenors group advised the Northern Pass representatives that

their present timeline for the project will not work. It was also brought to the attention of the Commissioners that the 25 questions submitted to the SEC most have been answered by the Northern Pass representatives and some will be answered at the conclusion of the engineering portion of the project. Those questions already answered have been withdrawn from consideration by the SEC.

Eli advised he was in receipt of a letter from Rob Pearlman of the Northern Borders Grant Program. In the letter Mr. Pearlman suggests that any infrastructure updates made to the mill property would make the property more viable. The Commissioners will schedule an appointment with Woodard and Curren. The Northern Border grant will be easier to complete and put together this year.

Alan Cilley updated the Commissioners on the Septage Receiving Pilot Project. The ramp is now in place. The next project is to put down the underpinnings or roller skids for the dumpster. Alan will investigate buildings so have prices to look at.

The Commissioners want to make sure that the Water and Sewer Department complies with all Board of Selectmen regulations going forward on the Septage Receiving Pilot Project since the Septage Receiving Station is a town asset.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the \$10,000 bid limit for department projects. The Commissioners felt it was too low. They wanted to change the policy to make it more realistic. It was felt that with this change time would be saved on projects and there would be a fairer price for the project. David Toth made a motion to increase the minimum requiring a bid from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Alan Cilley seconded the motion. With three votes in the affirmative the motion passed.

Eli Badger received an email inquiring about any upgrades in water and sewer service to the residents of High Street. Rusty Cross advised that there were no water and sewer services on High Street because all water and sewer service were with private lines.

The Commissioners discussed briefly the missing border markers on Cross Road. Alan Cilley made a motion: To retain the services of Mr. Tony Randall to set the boundaries and markers as necessary. This motion would include boundaries and markers for

the Cyrus Gray property. David Toth seconded the motion. With three yes votes the motion passed.

There was no public input at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing more to come before the Commissioners David Toth made a motion to adjourn. Alan Cilley seconded the motion. With three votes in the affirmative the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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