

**Ashland Water and Sewer Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday February 5, 2019**  
**6 Collins Street**  
**Ashland, NH**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

David Toth called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eli Badger, Alan Cilley and David Toth

**PEOJECTS**

**Veolia Project**

Eli Badger arranged a visit from representatives of Veolia Water Technologies on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 10 a.m

**Kingsbury**

David Toth advised the Commissioners that Attorney Steve Whitley had composed a letter to Kingsbury regarding the Septage Receiving Station RFP.

**CA Contract**

David received an email from Ms. Laura Spector-Morgan concerning the CA contract. She outlined her concerns about the contract. The Commissioners will discuss her concerns further.

**Water Tower Capital Reserve**

David Toth said that the Commissioners had written a warrant article requesting a change of purpose for the Water Tower Capital Reserve so that funds could be used for Water Capital Projects. The article was rejected by the DRA. However, there is an RSA that allows the Commissioners to repurpose funds without town approval. The will need discuss this issue with their accountant.

**SB2 Debrief** The Commissioners discussed the SB2 meeting held last week. There was confusion at the meeting concerning a Water and Sewer Department loan in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars. David explained that the loan in question had been approved by NHDES for the Water and Sewer Department in November of 2017. The town voted to approve the loan in March. NHDES awarded the loan in August of 2018.

The Commissioners were notified in January about a \$175,000 grant that was available for an engineering evaluation of the septage lagoons and submitted a warrant article but were unable to meet the deadline. They plan to apply for this grant next year.

There was confusion at the meeting concerning the Thompson Street Project. The town received an approval for an SRF loan from DES in the amount of \$1.8 million dollars. The Town would pay approximately \$1.4 million to reconstruct the road, and the Water and Sewer Department would pay approximately \$400,000 to replace the water and sewer lines. The loan includes 10% principal forgiveness. The town was not able to give taxpayers an idea of the exact tax impact at the meeting because NHDES has not provided a repayment schedule. Based on a repayment schedule for the department's \$1.5M loan, the tax impact would be approximately \$0.43 in the first year and \$0.22 in year 20. The Selectmen could decrease the tax impact by using the State Highway Block Grant, the Capital Reserves for roads, the unassigned fund balance, and/or DPW operating funds.

### **OFFICE CONSTRUCTION**

Alan Cilley said all construction in the bathrooms and conference room. The front office and entry way need to be completed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Hancock, for the  
Ashland Water and Sewer Department