



TOWN OF HUDSON

Municipal Utility Committee



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Hudson Municipal Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: May 20, 2015

Attendees:

Jeff Rider, Chairman

Bill Abbott, Vice Chairman

Robert Russell

Bernie Manor

Donna Staffier-Sommers, Sewer Utility Administrative Aide

Absent:

David Shaw

Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer

Valerie Marquez, Water Utility Clerk

Ted Luszey, Selectman's Liaison

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hudson Municipal Utility Committee was held Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 5:01 pm, in the Board of Selectmen meeting room of the Town of Hudson at Town Hall. Secretarial duties were provided by Donna Staffier-Sommers.

1. Election of Officers

After some discussion about the position of Chairman, Bill Abbott nominated David Shaw for Chairman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Bill Abbott then nominated Bernie Manor for Vice - Chairman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Because David Shaw was absent, Jeff Rider continued the meeting as Chairman.

2. Acceptance of minutes

The minutes of the April 15, 2015 Municipal Utility Committee meeting were read and approved. A motion was made by Bernie Manor to "accept the meeting minutes for meeting dated April 15, 2015 as written." Bob Russell seconded. The motion carried.

2. Financial Status – Water Utility

- A – C. The Cash Flow report through March 2015 and the Expenditure and Revenue reports through April 2015 were reviewed with minimal discussion. Bill's P/L chart looks good for the Water Utility

- D. The Pennichuck Water Systems Operation Report for March 2015 was reviewed.
The Committee plans to review the contract with Pennichuck to see what information Pennichuck is required to submit to us. The Committee is interested in trimming the report to possibly reflect summaries of the detail of emergency work and engineering activity.

3. Old Business- Water Utility

- A. Gordon St. tank recommendations.
Elvis was not at the meeting and the Committee had hoped to hear his recommendations as to the best option for maintenance and repair of the tank in order to move forward. The project will need to go to bid.
Bob made recommendation to table to the next meeting; seconded by Bernie.
Motion was unanimous.

4. New Business – Water Utility

- A. Discussion on limits to the water system.
Jeff stated that we may want to look at the river as a resource rather than limiting new water connections. Bernie stated that DES will most likely not approve the Town using the river since Pennichuck has a good supply of water to sell to us. Bob anticipates resistance from DES when using a water way. Jeff sees three options for the Town - do nothing and buy when needed from Pennichuck, limit distribution or look into using the river. Assuming DES approval, we would have to compare the cost of building a water treatment facility vs. the cost of purchasing additional water from Pennichuck.

5. Financial Status – Sewer Utility

- A. The cash flow report from March 2015 and the Expenditure and Revenue reports from April 2015 were reviewed with minimal discussion. The balance of capacity is shown at 27,093 gpd.

6. Old Business – Sewer Utility -

- A. Discussion of sewer expansion.

Some members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Engineer met with the Mayor of Nashua to discuss the potential of sewer expansion for the Town.

7. New Business – Sewer Utility

- A. Abatement S-UTL-15-12 m/l 216-014-053 Mpontsikaris
Applicant requests an abatement of sewer charges on the basis of excess water used from a broken outside faucet. Based on average use, the abatement request is for the excess \$413.10 (347 x 1.1905).

- B. Abatement S-UTL-15-13 m/l 168-121-000 H & B Berggren
Applicant requests an abatement of sewer charges on the basis of excess water used from a broken outside faucet. Based on average use, the abatement request is for the excess \$194.05 (163 x 1.1905).

- C. Abatement S-UTL-15-14 m/l 216-014-088 Bajdek
Applicant requests an abatement of sewer charges on the basis of excess water used from a broken outside faucet. Based on average use, the abatement request is for the excess \$179.77 (151 x 1.1905)

Motion made by Bernie Manor "to recommend BOS approval of all three abatements based on the reasons given"; seconded by Bill Abbott. Motion carried.

8. Informational

- 1. Memo from the Finance Director, Kathy Carpentier with recommendation to not seek reimbursement from the Trustees of the Trust Fund of our FY 2015 Nashua wastewater treatment plant expenses. The sewer checking account is healthy enough to absorb this expense and the investment fund is currently earning significantly more than the cash account.
- 2. Donna is to check with Kathy Carpentier and Valerie of the status of the rewrite of the Water Utility Rules and Regulations section on making the property owner ultimately responsible for any water bill.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm with a motion made by Bernie Manor and seconded by Bill Abbott. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2015.

Donna Staffier-Sommers
Sewer Utility Administrative Aide

