



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sewer Utility Committee



Bernie Manor, Chairman Roger Coutu, Selectmen Liaison

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Hudson Sewer Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 8, 2012

Attendees:

Bernie Manor, Chairman
Jeff Rider, Vice Chairman
Leo Bernard, Secretary
Catherine Valley
Don Gowdy
Roger Coutu - Selectman's Liaison-absent
Gary Webster – Town Engineer
Donna Staffier-Sommers – Administrative Aide

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hudson Sewer Utility Committee was held Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 5:00 pm, in the main meeting room of the Town of Hudson Town Hall. Bernie Manor presided as Chairman. Secretarial duties were provided by Donna Staffier-Sommers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with no corrections required. A motion was made by Jeff Rider to “Accept the meeting minutes for meeting dated February 9, 2012 as presented.” Seconded by Leo Bernard, the motion carried unanimously.

1. Abatements and Waivers

A. None

2. Reports

- A. The Treasurers' report dated January 31, 2012 was reviewed by the Committee. Some discussion was had about the large inter fund payment to the Town and the payment to the Boston & Maine Corp. for the sewer manhole rent in Nashua.
- B. The Expenditure report dated February 29, 2012 was reviewed by the Committee. There was minor discussion regarding the software maintenance as to how this is billed and what are we getting for this. Gary has not seen any upgrades done to the GIS.
- C. The Revenue report dated February 29, 2012 was reviewed by the Committee.

3. Old Business

A. Balance of capacity - unchanged at 45, 840 GPD.

4. New Business

- A. Gary and Bernie met with officials from the City of Nashua to discuss future sewer flow needs of Hudson. Nashua may be expanding their wastewater treatment plant and this would allow for more sewer capacity. The project is in the early review stage so Hudson was approached for discussion only. Gary has been working on numbers and targeting areas to expand the existing sewer district. Included are some residential properties and a large commercial piece in the south end of town. This area alone encompasses approximately 800 acres and roughly needs about $\frac{3}{4}$ mgd. Many of the lots are commercially zoned so the expansion would be paid for by the developers instead of the Sewer Utility. Also being looked at, is the Alvirne Drive area known to have a high water table, Barretts Hill Rd. /Brox area, the small streets around Ottarnic Pond, along with the Ridgecrest neighborhood and Pelham Rd area. Gary reviewed his draft map with the Committee. He pointed out that CLD did a study back in 1985 that states that Hudson's sewer lines, with identified upgrades, could handle about 4.1 mgd. He plans to contact the City of Nashua and also meet with the Hudson Board of Selectmen to request up to 2.1mgd additional flow that would cover our needs and bring us in line with the CLD study. The Committee is pleased that Nashua approached us and is ready to talk about this important issue.

- B. This week Gary met with Town officials from Litchfield. They are exploring options to bring sewer into Litchfield. One idea is to build under the Merrimack River to the Merrimack treatment plant and another is to go through Hudson's sewer lines to the Nashua treatment plant. If Hudson approves this, Litchfield will have to get their own allocation and make improvements to our lines. One obstacle to this plan is that our pipes would be maxed out and couldn't handle the additional flow from Litchfield if we get approved for the flow we plan to request. Gary is sure there are also legal issues involved with doing this.

- C. Gary is drafting a letter to DES in regards to the Ottarnic Pond project. He will be inquiring about the grant money that hasn't come through yet. The project was completed in 2009.

5. Informational

- A. Committee roster has been updated.

6. Closing

- A. Cathy Valley requests that one of the Trustees of the Trust Fund attend a Committee meeting soon so they can be informed of anticipated capital expenses and plan accordingly with the investment funds.
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 5:00 pm. Motion was made by Leo Bernard and seconded by Jeff Rider to adjourn the meeting at 5:52pm.

Donna Staffier-Sommers
Sewer Utility Administrative Aide