

## Approved Hudson Sewer Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2009

### Attendees:

Bernie Manor, Chair  
Catherine Valley, Vice Chairman  
William Abbott  
Don Gowdy - Absent  
John Parkhurst, Alternate Member - Absent  
Craig T. Bailey, Secretary  
Roger Coutu - Selectman's Liaison - Absent  
Gary Webster – Acting Town Engineer - Absent



The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hudson Sewer Utility Committee was held Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 5:30 pm, in the main meeting room of the Town of Hudson Town Hall. The Chairman Bernie Manor being in the chair. Secretarial duties were provided by Craig T. Bailey. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with no corrections required. A motion was made by Bill Abbott to "Accept the meeting minutes for meeting dated July 9th as presented." Seconded by Catherine Valley, the motion carried unanimously.

### 1. Abatements and Waivers

- A. Catherine Valley moved that "The decision regarding Abatement S-UTL-10-01 be tabled until the September meeting, for pool size verification." Seconded by Bill Abbott, the motion carried with some discussion, regarding the fact the pool size was not indicated, nor was verified, and possibly an update to the new abatement request form.

### 2. Reports

- A. The Treasurers' report dated July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was reviewed by the committee. Bill discussed the chart he prepared, which graphically depicted the annualized Sewer Utility Fund balance. The graph shows the utility has run in a deficit for quite some time, and then around December 2008 the fund had more income than expenses, and May 2009 is again running a deficit.
- B. The Expenditure Report dated 07/01/2009 was reviewed by the committee. Some discussion was had regarding the investment expenses, and the expense of the investments is getting large. Also, item #310, 311, & 312: gravel, stone & sand – the budgeted value was exactly \$2100, and the expense was also exactly \$2100. The committee is interested in what the other budget was that took the obvious remainder of these items. Regarding Item # 608: pump contingency, the committee wonders if this line item should be funded for the next years' budget.
- C. The Revenue report dated 07/01/2009 was reviewed by the committee. The interest on the investment account is at roughly 50% what we expected. The committee agrees this is typical in this economy.

### 3. Old Business

- A. Balance of capacity - unchanged at 57,453 GPD.
- B. Ottarnic Pond Update: Gary Webster town engineer has not been able to report the status, but it is understood that not all bills have been paid to vendors, contractor, and engineer. Some discussion was had by the committee, to decide whether the Town Administration

should be asked to get involved with the dispute between the Town of Hudson and the Engineers of the Ottarnic Pond project. Bernie will meet with Gary and attempt to resolve the situation.

**4. New Business**

- A. Possible meeting schedule change: The Sewer Utility Committee has been asked to consider changing the meeting place or meeting date to allow the Benson's Committee the Selectmen's room, so they can utilize the cable t.v. system. The SUC has been using the Selectmen's room for nearly 20 years, at this time. The Bensons' committee is the newest committee. The consensus of the committee is to not change the meeting schedule, and keep it as is.
- B. Board of Selectman has approved the 2010 sewer rate.
- C. The committee discussed a possible meeting with Nashua Sewer, and the consensus is that another meeting should be held, but hopefully a higher level of decision makers from Nashua should be present. This meeting should happen soon, and before the Hudson budget process begins for FY 2011. Bernie will meet with Gary Webster, and ask for a meeting.

**5. Closing**

- A. After closing comments by committee members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Craig T. Bailey, Secretary