

## Approved Hudson Sewer Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 9, 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  
Gary Webster – Acting Town Engineer



The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hudson Sewer Utility Committee was held Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 5:36 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 03/19/2009 as corrected/presented." Seconded by Catherine Valley, the motion carried unanimously.

### 1. Abatements and Waivers

Bill Abbott moved "To recommend that the Selectmen approve the abatement S-UTL-09-17." Seconded by Catherine Valley, the motion carried without discussion. Some discussion was had to suggest to the Assistant Town administrator to have Community Development send copies of "Demolition" permits to the Water Utility and the Sewer Utility. Selectman Coutu will bring this to the assistant town Administrator.

### 2. Reports

- A. The Treasurers' report dated 02/28/2009 was reviewed by the committee.
- B. The Expenditure Report dated 03/31/2009 was reviewed by the committee. Last months meeting a question was posed regarding a small expenditure paid to Boston and Maine Railroad. Donna has reported back that this is for the rental of a sewer manhole, owned by B&M, that Hudson ties into, in Nashua.

Also, a quick review of the expenditures to date are listed as 95% spent, which would be too high at this point of the year, but the Ottarnic Pond project was not included in the budget. The Ottarnic Pond project is what has caused the expenditure report to read falsely too high.

- C. The Revenue report dated 01/31/2009 was reviewed by the committee. Some discussion was had regarding the CBG Grant, which appears on the Revenue report. This is the "matching" grant that was used to partially fund the Ottarnic Pond project.

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### 3. Old Business

- A. Balance of capacity - reduced to 57,453 GPD, by the flow allocation request made by 6 & 8 Hampshire Drive. Engineering is still working with Donna on the industrial users' flows to add to the 57,453 GPD listed above.
- B. Ottarnic Pond – work is almost complete on site, and Gary Webster is continuing to work with Clough Harbors on their bill.
- C. Sewer Capital Assessment rate analysis: Bill Abbott has contacted several surrounding towns to inquire how they set their rate. Salem uses the same process as Hudson – based the Capital Assessment rate formula on the overall system value. Merrimack, however, essentially doesn't charge a capital assessment fee. Bill contacted Steve Maliza, and Steve thinks some additional towns should be contacted for their processes. An example was brought up to shed some insight: a proposed Laundromat could require a capital assessment fee of nearly \$50,000. Bill will proceed in contacting surrounding towns. Craig will try and find recent large-flow businesses who connected to their municipal sewers,
- D. EPA Changes: Some discussion was had regarding the proposed regulation changes, most of which are being mandated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA.) The committee discussed possibly meeting with representatives of CLD, to have a clearer understanding of the proposed rules, specifically what authority is suggesting the proposed rule: NHDES, US EPA, or CLD?

### 4. New Business

- A. Hills Garrison Sewer line: The sewer line running from Hills Garrison elementary school is technically owned by the Hudson School Department. Bernie will contact the school department, and suggest they ask for sewer acceptance, essentially conveying the ownership of the sewer structures from the School Department to the Town of Hudson. The School department did convey an easement to the Town to allow access and maintenance of the line from Alvirne Dr. to the new library. .
- B. Flow allocation: 6 & 8 Hampshire drive was approved
- C. Stimulus: Nashua is applying for Federal Stimulus money
- D. Vac-Con Truck: Bill Abbott brought up the fact that the Vac-Con truck purchase was shot down by the town. Why couldn't the Sewer Utility buy the truck in whole? Gary believes this would be illegal, but if the Town and Sewer Utility were to lease the vehicle, it would be possible to lease for 5 years, and then buy out the lease for \$1 at the end of lease. Town Attorney Buckley will be asked if this will be a legal move.

### 5. Closing

- A. After closing comments by committee members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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Craig T. Bailey, Secretary