

Approved Hudson Sewer Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 19, 2009

Attendees:

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



The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hudson Sewer Utility Committee was held Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 5:30 pm, at a special location, 49 Ferry Street, a town owned property. The Chairman Bernie Manor being in the chair. Secretarial duties were provided by Craig T. Bailey.

1. Pretreatment rules Presentation

The agenda was taken out of order to view a presentation made by Heidi J. Marshall, PE, on the new EPA rules on the National Pretreatment Program. The last time the Hudson Sewer ordinance was reviewed/updated in 2002. The "local limits" from Nashua were incorporated into the Hudson Ordinance in 2002. Based on the Code of Federal Regulations, Code 40, Parts 425-699, the US EPA has been updating the Industrial users limits. It appears there are no industrial users that will be affected by these ordinance changes. The limits are for a specific flow levels: greater than 10,000 GPD. The basic items that are being identified by the US EPA that municipalities must incorporate into their local ordinances:

- a. Removal credits due to outfalls: No need to change, since Nashua handles the outfall
- b. Slug control: An unauthorized or unintentional flow of sewerage that is extremely strong
- c. SIU (Significant Industrial Users)
- d. SNC (Significant NonCompliance)
- e. BMP Compliance Information
- f. Local Limits – concentrations of pollutants that are allowed to be flowed into the system
- g. Record Keeping (compliance reports)

Other changes that are not required by the US EPA:

- a. Sludge rules.
- b. Pharmaceutical Waste: Do not flush into the sewer system, so the Hudson Ordinance now has language that deal with this waste.
- c. Noncompliance rules
- d. Sampling rules

The time frame to have these ordinances finalized and approved by the Select Board is accelerated due to the possible looming Audit by NHDES. CLD will provide the draft comments to the SUC to be forwarded to the Board members. CLD will provide the draft ordinance to the City of Nashua so Nashua may proceed with their rules and ordinance update.

2. Meeting minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with no corrections required. A motion was made by William Abbott to "Accept the meeting minutes for meeting dated February 12th and Workshop dated February 27th as corrected." Seconded by Catherine Valley, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Abatements and Waivers

Don Gowdy moved "To recommend that the Selectmen approve the abatement S-UTL-09-13." Seconded by Bill Abbott, the motion carried without discussion.

Bill Abbott moved "To recommend that the Selectmen not abatement S-UTL-09-14." Seconded by Don Gowdy, the motion carried without discussion.

Bill Abbott moved "To recommend that the Selectmen approve the abatement S-UTL-09-15." Seconded by Catherine Valley, the motion carried with one nay by Don Gowdy.

Catherine Valleu moved "To recommend that the Selectmen approve the abatement S-UTL-09-16." Seconded by Bill Abbott, the motion carried without discussion.

Don Gowdy moved "To recommend that the Selectmen approve the abatement S-UTL-09-17." Seconded by Bill Abbott, the motion carried without discussion.

Don Gowdy moved "To recommend that the Selectmen approve the abatement S-UTL-09-17." Seconded by Bill Abbott, the motion carried without discussion.

Bill Abbott moved "To recommend that the Selectmen approve the abatement S-UTL-09-18." Seconded by Catherine Valley, the motion carried with one nay by Don Gowdy.

4. Reports

The Treasurers' report dated 02/18/2009 was reviewed by the committee. One question is regarding the check register, having to do with check #2000755, Boston and Maine, and Check #2000759. Bernie will inquire with Donna this charge

The Expenditure Report dated 03/04/09 was reviewed by the committee.

The Revenue report dated 03/04/09 was reviewed by the committee.

5. "Old Business"

Balance of capacity - unchanged at 58,253 GPD.

6. New Business

A. Ottarnic Pond. Governor Lynch's new budget did not provide any money for the 2010/2011 budget year. Therefore, the NHDES 20% matching funds are not available to the Town of Hudson. Without the NHDES funds, the overall budget will be short \$166k. SUC may have to provide the \$166k but this will be recouped by charging the co-op a higher assessment.

B. Sewer Capital Rate Assessment. Donna from the Sewer Utility has contacted Salem, who has a similar sewer system. Bill Abbott has preliminarily reviewed the Salem process, and it appears to be the same method Hudson has used to derive the fee. Discussion was had regarding the possibility of hiring an outside consultant to review our fee, and possibly derive a new fee. Bill will meet with Steve Malizia the Town Administrator and setup a meeting between Bill, Steve, and Kathy Carpentier to further the discussion.

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C. Sewer Acceptance for Rodgers Library: The library is almost complete. The sewer line has been installed, tested, and is ready for town acceptance. Bill Abbott moved "To recommend the Selectmen accept the sewer line as installed at the new Rodgers Library." Seconded by Don Gowdy, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Donna has recently updated the sewer abatement form. Some discussion was had regarding the line numbering scheme, and the font could be increased.

E. Some discussion regarding adding some information to the website, for example the Sewer Ordinance, the sewer forms, and the SUC meeting minutes.

F. The SUC needs two more sewer manuals.

After closing comments by committee members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Craig T. Bailey, Secretary