Town of Sutton Sewer Commission Meeting

September 17, 2014

Members Present: Neal Crites

Larry Wiersma James F. Dwyer Donald Obuchowski Amanda Perreault

The meeting was opened at 4:00 P.M. by Neal Crites.

The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of 8-13-2014. James moved the approval of the minutes. Larry seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Next order of business: correspondence and old business.

• The Whitins Road camera inspection and flushing of the lines was a 3 day process. They found golf ball size stones that took 4-5 passes to clean out the lines. The lines have been cleaned out from the Hough Road and Barnet side through 175 Whitins Road. Hargo did the job.

 Neal addressed an alternative commissioner to have in case a board member is sick or cannot make meetings. The town used to have one. Donald responded that we only had an alternative commissioner when the construction with the

Manchaug sewer system was going on.

Neal asked what was new with the Price Chopper being built in Sutton.
Donald responded that Graves engineering will be seeking out and
establishing the sewer layout. Donald and his staff will be handling the sewer
and billing after everything is all said and done. Donald also mentioned that
Price Chopper is not the only company being added in. There is also a
Unibank and numerous retail stores.

• Donald mentioned the budget for the article appropriation the sewer department was given to upgrade the sewer plant. The appropriation was \$35,000.00. We have spent \$18,554.99, leaving us with \$16,445.01. The sewer plant needed numerous upgrades such as replacing valves, extending the sodium hydroxide lines, and replacing the modular computer due to it shutting down the plant completely. In the near future they will be making upgrades on the Depot Street Station. Donald will keep the commissioners posted.

The next order of business: New Business.

- Neal has a worksheet that he wants to work off of each meeting to make things run smoothly and stay on topic.
- •Neal asked Donald what the process is for the Wal-Mart in Northbridge to get connected to the Sutton sewer system. Donald replied that we have the capacity to take on the town of Northbridge flow. The determining factor will be between the town of Northbridge and Wal-Mart at this time.

Neal wanted to address that no one individual member should make any recommendations on behalf of the Sutton sewer commissioners. All items needs to be brought before the board and be addressed and voted on before anything is addressed to anyone else.

The next order of business is James Dwyer's concerns about the Commission Rules be submitted to the Town Clerk.

 Among other things, the rules will continue that: The meetings will be scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month. The agenda will be made before each meeting and the minutes that are taken will be signed each meeting.

James moved that, "Once Amanda has been advised, the agenda should be posted on the town website, that we automatically give her the authority to do that as soon as the agenda for the meeting has been approved, and further as soon as we have approved the minutes of the meeting that Amanda is automatically authorized to forward that to the website." The motion failed due to lack of second.

- The town annual sewer report to the Board of Selectman is done each year by the sewer superintendent and given to the sewer commissioners for approval. The annual report runs on our fiscal year.
- It was stated that: If anything further needs to be discussed on the IMA the board of selectman will address it with the sewer commissioners. Going forward the IMA is in place and does not need to be changed at this time.

Concerning an email that was sent from James to the town counsel, Neal made a motion that "the board does not or does not need to contact the counsel in regards to this matter, it has been resolved in previous meetings, and we do not need a response from the counsel at this time". Motion passed 2-0-1 (James abstained).

Neal moved to adjourn. Larry seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Larry Wiersma

Neal Crites