

Town of Rockland SEWER COMMISSION



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Rockland Sewer Commissioners Meeting
587 R Summer St., Rockland, Ma.
Meeting held via Zoom
Recorded for Public Playback on WRPS
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February 15, 2023

In Attendance: Chuck Heshion, Sherri Vallie, Dan Duross,

Introductory Remarks

This is a working session for the sewer commissioners. The public is welcome to attend. There may be votes at this session. Not all items may be discussed. There will be no public comment except by those parties listed on the agenda.

Motion made by Dan Duross, 2nd by Sherri Vallie, to begin the meeting at 7:00 PM, January 12, 2023, 2022 All in favor 3-0.

Admin Asst and Plant Manager will not be attending.

Rate Study – rough draft will be available on Thursday. The commissioners are asked to review and may contact Weston Sampson individually if there are any questions. Joint meeting with them will be scheduled for public session followed by public meeting.

March 7 Board of Selectmen meeting to request Bond authorization for plant upgrade. Minutes provided to commissioners from upgrade team meeting of February 10. These minutes included pricing from 2021 facility update and does not include current cost index increases or supply availability pricing.

Motion made by Dan Duross to accept February 10 Meeting Minutes, second by Sherri Vallie. All in favor 3-0

Warrant Articles update by Ms. Vallie

Meeting on February 14 with Town Admin Doug Lapp, Asst Admin Jen Constable and Atty Bob Galvin to review items for warrant articles for May town meeting.

-Sewer Ordinance to rename to a bylaw, part of the ordinance will be rules & regulations. Bylaw creates the authority with rules & regs separate. Sewer department will be authorized to change those rules & regs. Atty Galvin will provide a draft of document by next week.

-Stabilization fund to be adopted for future expenses. Requires town vote to use these funds. Enterprise fund was created last year. Stabilization fund can be created but does not need to be funded.

Motion by Chuck Heshion to accept stabilization fund for town meeting article, second by Dan Duross, All in favor 3-0

-Capital Request forms were reviewed. Doug Lapp recommended additional meeting to review/write at a working session. Articles will be presented next Capital Planning meeting

Requests for town meeting warrant are: \$75-\$80 million treatment plant upgrade for capital planning with \$2.5 million for phosphorus, \$ digester boiler piping 150,000 to commingle with arpa funds, \$25,000 injector pump repairs add to previous article funds remaining, \$100,000 Spruce St station repair

Motion for commissioners to accept four capital request forms of treatment plant upgrade, digester boiler piping, injector pump repair, Spruce St pump station for town warrant by Chuck Heshion, second by Dan Duross, All in favor 3-0

Requests not needing a town vote but should be part of capital planning are: \$125,000 Annual control plan funded from sewer dept revenues, \$200,000 Generator funded from arpa will probably exceed this amount, \$50,000 Digester Recirculation pumps for FY 2025, \$500,000 Digester Boiler Building Roof will be part of plant upgrade, Will check with capital planning board if they want forms for other pump stations expected in 2025, \$50,000 Replacement rooftop heat pumps split with mass energies grant,

Next Week meeting at the plant. Capital planning and town warrant articles should remain on agenda. Due to schedule conflicts, this meeting was limited and did not cover entire agenda.

Motion made by Dan Duross, 2nd by Sherri Vallie, to adjourn at 7:20 PM All in favor 3-0.

Documents to be included:

Minutes February 10 meeting of plant upgrade team meeting

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2023

Next working session meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023