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Rockland Sewer Commissioners Meeting
September 16, 2021

In Attendance: Charles Heshion, Dan Duross, Keith Nastasia, Robyn Day, Rick Kotouch, Ed McAuliffe, Paul Bowen and other various members of the public.

Motion made by Dan Duross, 2nd by Chuck Heshion, to begin the meeting at 7:02 pm, September 16, 2021. All in favor 2-0.

Introductory Remarks

Chuck Heshion, Commissioner.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 19, 2021

Moved to next month's agenda.

New Connection Requests

- **365 Concord Street** – Keith invited the developer to come in front of the Board in October. The developer requested that Chuck speak with Attorney Galvin before they come before the Board. Chuck will contact Attorney Galvin on Monday.
- **Beechwood** – A brief discussion was had regarding the status of the homeowner association's lawsuit to take over the project from the developer. Keith will review the project with the representative from Beechwood.

Continuation of Old Business from the Previous Meeting

- **PT/FT Job Descriptions** – Chuck will schedule an executive session next week to discuss the F/T job duties to include Keith, Chuck, Dan, Elizabeth and Stacie. Chuck will ask Stacie to provide email copies of P/T and F/T (work in progress) job descriptions to Dan and Chuck before the meeting. He will also request a brief description of the reason for the P/T request from Elizabeth.
- **EPA** – No news.
- **Rate Study** – Keith to send a copy of the Scope of Work to Dan. Chuck will add this to the agenda for next week's executive session meeting.
- **Permit Waiting List** – Create an electronic version, by date, and post on the Town web site.

Superintendent Update

- **SSES (Sewer System Evaluation Study)**

Keith will touch base with AECOM to schedule them for a ½ hour time slot at our next Sewer Commission meeting. Keith will ask them to share their Power Point presentation with the Commissioners ahead of time. Chuck requested that they condense the 660 page summary into an executive summary before the presentation.

- **Other items:**

The Town had a major infrastructure issue of infiltration on West Water and Plain Streets that Keith has been working on. Chuck inquired about using a flow meter to measure the amount of flow detected and corrected. We do not have a flow meter; Keith advised that a bucket test can be conducted before and after the repair. The road is starting to undermine. The biggest obstacle to working on the repair is obtaining police details.

The Butternut ejector station sealed bids included a bid for \$88,500 from Weston & Sampson (lowest) and the highest bid of \$104,094 was from Ardent. Funds were approved at Town Meeting.

The digester boiler project is currently out to bid with a bid opening date of October 12, 2021. There is a mandatory walk-thru for all bidders on September 29. Chuck requested that copies of the bid documents be emailed to him and Dan.

Items to be added to next week's special meeting are agenda are Butternut Bid (vote), rate study and job description meeting (executive session).

Suez Update

17" total rain for July and August (8.04" and 8.96") brought the average flow capacity to 3.0 MGD in July and 2.9 MGD in August. The average so far for September is 3.5 MGD. We've had close to 5" of rain so far in September. Although the flows have been high, nothing has been bypassed. The additional flows were stored and treated.

Chuck mentions that we've violated the effluent flow limit 9 times over the past 12 months and our 12 month rolling average is 2.7 MGD as of 8/31. Rick acknowledges and states that we've never had a July or August flow violation before this Summer.

Suez appreciates that we're moving forward on the rebuilding of the Butternut station.

One operator is currently out on maternity leave. Sean is now working FT to cover that spot.

100% of the staff has been vaccinated for Covid-19.

New Business

Chuck, Dan and Keith to come up with (3) goals and objectives for the Superintendent that are attainable and measurable.

- **Commission Vacancy** - The Board of Selectmen will review applicants and ask Chuck and Dan for their input.

Public Forum

No comments were made.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021 @ 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Motion made by Dan Duross, 2nd by Chuck Heshion, to adjourn at 7:38 pm. All in favor 2-0.

