

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 16, 2018

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. the following people were in attendance: John Tholl, Stanley Holz, and Peter Corey.

The Board called Tim Vadney of Wright-Pierce via conference call to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrade Project. Peter said we would like to get his take on the State Revolving Fund and how it works and if it advantageous or disadvantageous for the Town.

Tim said in reference to the SRF funding, there are a couple of ways to pay for the project design and construction. He said you can do it by bonding it through the municipal bond bank at the prevailing rate or use the clean water state revolving loan fund. Low interest loan fund projects like this are eligible for funding with SRF. Tim said he is a professional engineering and for particular bank and financial information we should probably speak with a financial person. For the State Revolving Fund the current rate is 2.42%, which is slightly lower than the bond bank rate. Tim said that the advantage of SRF is that during the design and construction period, you only pay 1% and only pay it on what you borrowed so far. He said most of the towns he has worked with have generally trended towards the SRF. The disadvantage SRF brings is some Section D requirements. They require American Iron & Steel Fund rates and require Davis Bacon Wage rates. The Davis Bacon Wage rates are not a requirement with USDA funding. Tim said he has bid it both ways. He can bid with Davis Bacon Wage rates and without the Davis Bacon Wage rates. Tim said that geographical location influences the Davis Bacon Wage rates as well. Tim said he can get the SRF application process going. Stanley asked if we were guaranteed for getting it? Tim said that we did a pre-application so we are pretty much guaranteed for the money. \$6.5 million we are on the list. We are eligible for it. We just need to comply with the requirements of the program. Peter is not sure if we are ready to make a decision tonight. Stanley said he would be inclined to go with SRF. John's question is if you compare the lower rates with Davis Bacon Wage Rates with a bid alternate where would we be? Tim said his past experience has been that the SRF was still advantageous. Tim said that we could go forward with the application and do a bid alternate and see if it is cheaper to go with the SRF or a local financing source. He will discuss it with DES to see if we can do the application and then if we decide not to go that route can we not take the funding if we decide to go with bank temporary financing? Tim said he would be willing to discuss it with DES to see if it is in the cards.

John Tholl made a motion to move forward with the SRF application. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed. Tim will get back to us on what he finds out.

Tim said that they are working on the design, and they have kicked off a supplemental sampling program which we are 1-2 months into. They have gathered site specific data. Every community's sewage is different. We have sub-contracts for geo-tech exploration, lead and asbestos testing and surveying. They have some draft site layout they are working on and design alternatives. One thing Tim is wondering is how we want to be involved in the process. Welch's has been helping with sample collection analysis, and then they are being sent to a third-party lab. Tim said he was under the impression that once the plant upgrade is completed that the Town wants to move forward with municipally owned and run operation rather than the contract service. Decision need to be made on the types of pumps, etc. and wondering who the contact should be on those types of things. Peter said that with the water project, we have work sessions periodically with Steve Lafrance and that is when we

make those decisions. Peter said we have not hired a Public Works Director and thinks the work sessions with Wright-Pierce would be a good way to handle it. Peter said we feel disconnected from the sewer treatment plant upgrade project. It is a big endeavor. Tim said that not too many design decisions have been made. Some of it hinges on getting that sampling data back as well. Peter asked what can we expect to occur this year? The construction season is upon us. Tim said that it will not be going out this year, it will be next year. This is consistent with the Administrative Order. Tim asked about progress on the Brown Street site, and Peter said that is probably not going to happen. Tim said based on their analysis it wasn't going to be that much of a benefit to relocate the plant and they will summarize that. They have some rough tank sizes, they are working on sequencing and determining the best way to route the hydraulics. We are doing a sequencing batch reactor. Tim will get some answers on the SRF and we will plan on talking to us again in a couple of weeks.

Dave Scalley attended the meeting to discuss his 11 Main Street water bill. Dave said he just got a bill and he thought we were done billing him because we couldn't find the curb stop. Dave doesn't think the offer on the table is fair due to the water policy that came in affect. They had a hard time finding the curb stop so we are assuming we don't have one and can't find one that can shut if off. Peter said it is definitely a mess. Peter said technically he owns the curb stop. The situation pre-dates the ordinance change. Going forward any new connections will be owned by the town. It is a problem that exists throughout the town. The bill is \$156. Fred said the service is still there, but the meter is disconnected. Fred said the service can be disconnected, and there is a form that needs to be filled out. It would be easier if we can find the curb stop, but it appears that may not happen. What is his plan for the property? Dave said he would need a larger connection, probably two connections. He doesn't know what the ordinance requires for fire suppression. You don't need a separate curb stop but it is nice if you need it for fire suppression. There is a procedure for disconnecting a service. If you have a curb stop you would have to disconnect it back to the main. Peter said that we got \$4.33 million to do more water projects. It is on that list to be replaced. Fred Ingerson said it is an 8-inch line there now, ductile. What do you want us to do? He doesn't think he should be billed for it. What is the procedure to disconnect from the service, file for the disconnect and upon approval, the line would have to be dug up and capped off—all at the owner's expense. That has not changed, and it has always been that. Peter said why don't we, going forward, discontinue any billing towards this and he pays this bill and we credit that towards his future connection fee. He will pay the \$156 and that will be credited towards his new connection and there will be no further fees. It didn't freeze this year, fortunately. Fred said it has to be disconnected before next winter. That construction won't take place until next year at the earliest. Dave asked about spray-foaming it?

Stanley made a motion that the Town will take Dave's payment of this current bill in the amount of \$156 and credit that \$156 towards his future connection fee, and we will discontinue billing for 11 Main Street. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

Fred's question is when are we making a decision on what is going to happen with disconnecting that service. There is a back-flow issue. Peter said that the Public Works Department is going to have to be involved. Who is going to do the work? Is Dave willing to help out at all? Peter said we won't decide that tonight and we need to find out from Shawn where the sewer lines are. Dave thinks Gardner laid them out when he was looking for the water lines. Dave said he is looking at bank financing so he may need to tear that building down on his own, but it won't be this year. Peter's recommendation is we do

the disconnection and see if the line is going to be replaced. Peter told Fred and Dave to come up with a plan to do the disconnection. He suggested they talk to Shawn.

Scott Colby and Roger Croteau attended the meeting to discuss the warrant article from town meeting for Northwoods Drive. They said there was a discrepancy in what the original petition was and what got in the town report. They want to clarify what was presented and see what happened. They asked for Northwoods Estates, and they wanted all the roads in the development included. Mr. Croteau said they were going by what the sign for the development says. John said it was not spelled out in the body of the petition and there is no road known as Northwoods Estates. John said the other two roads, Indian Ridge Lane and Sunrise Drive would have needed to be included. Peter said the question becomes clearly we can't arbitrarily expand the scope of the warrant article. That is what the town meeting voted on. The amended article that was approved was "To see if the Town will vote to accept a maintenance easement deed to the road known as Northwoods Drive located off of Mountain View Road (see Northwoods Estate Subdivision Plan #2715 for specific location) to be maintained as a Class V Road." We use NHMA to help us weed through some of these tough legal issues. Mr. Colby said that they are looking to understand the discrepancy and their intent was the whole development. Is there anything to get done for the two roads? The two full-time people live on those roads. Scott's concern if he has a private plow come in and the town has not plowed Northwoods Drive yet. Peter said that can happen on any town road. The Town approved Northwoods Drive, when are they going to take over the maintenance? Peter said he is pretty sure that we have to go with what was actually approved at the meeting. Dave Scalley, a selectman from Twin Mountain, said whatever is in the minutes is what it is. Roger Croteau said he did come to a meeting to see if there were any issues with the article and at that time none were mentioned to him. He said they do plan to come back and discuss the issues with the sewer pump station and sewer lines. Roger said it was designed better than what the town wanted. John Tholl said it was rejected because it is a below ground pump. Scott said they are working with Horizons on the sewer pump station issue. John said the other issue is the sewer line running through someone else's property. They said there is a sewer agreement with the Spaulding Inn. They don't have enough information yet on the sewer, but they will be back to discuss that issue.

Peter spoke with the representative of the moving company who actually called him and they would like to stick with their current plan where they put it on their trailer and truck and move it up Colby Road and move it out Route 3 towards Twin Mountain. He assures Peter they have scoped the whole thing. They have a different vehicle to use this time than what was previously used. They are willing to provide a \$200,000 bond and are amenable to have an engineer examine the road pre-and post-move. Peter thinks we would want another bond that could potentially be incurred to cover first responders. Peter said he did talk to them about bringing it in to Union Street. It would require them bringing in gravel, which is an expense they don't want to incur. It has to come off the rail car, as they are paying rent and get the rail car out of here. They are worried about security having it in the center of town, but the thing is sitting out of nowhere currently. The sense Peter got is that they entered into a contract with the company doing the work with the transformer. They have already priced their contract to move it where they want to move it. It will cause them more expense than what they want to pay. They want to work with us to keep it going out through Colby Road. Stanley said he is ok with going up Colby Road if they are going to put up the bond and pay for the engineering fees. John said it would be better to do it along Route 3. It takes it off the town road and puts it all on the state roads. John said it eliminates the problems at Colby Road and Twin Mountain Road. Peter said he can go back to them and tell them they

really need to bring it in the center of town rather than using Colby Road. The issue is they bid a contract and now they are looking to minimize any additional expenses.

The Board asked Judy to schedule a time for the representative from the N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions to come up and meet with the people interested on serving on the Conservation Commission.

A motion was made by John Tholl to enter in to non-public session at 7:40 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. Roll call to enter non-public session: Corey-Yes; Tholl-Yes; Holz-Yes.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 8:20 p.m.

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