

Brandon Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting July 13, 2020

NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.

All in Attendance via Zoom.

In Attendance: Seth Hopkins, Brian Coolidge, Tracy Wyman, Tim Guiles, Doug Bailey

Others In Attendance: Dave Atherton, Bill Moore, Sue Gage, Chris Brickell, Lee Kahrs, Margaret Kahrs, Brent Buehler

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30PM by Seth Hopkins – Chair.

a. Agenda Adoption

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Doug Bailey to adopt the agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Sue Gage, speaking as a sewer user indicated that she is using a lot of water for things such as watering a garden. She does not have a problem paying for water, but she is concerned with paying for the sewer in connection with water that is not going into the sewer system. Seth Hopkins stated this is not an original situation and he believes the Fire District does not advocate for a second meter for just water. Dave Atherton stated when the sewer ordinance was redone, the Select Board decided not to credit people for water that does not go into the sewer, such as filling pools. Mr. Hopkins empathized with the situation as he pays for a lot of water for gardens and is paying for sewer that the water is not going in, but there is no way to separate the water and sewer. Mr. Hopkins stated there are a few water hookups in town that do not have sewer hook ups because the sewer does not run by the properties. Tim Guiles suggested there could be a separate meter and account if someone were to request an account for just water usage. Mr. Atherton asked who would pay for the water meter and the additional account. Mr. Hopkins suggested calling the Fire District to determine if two meters is a possibility. Mr. Guiles stated the cost of installing a meter is not a small fee and could be very costly. Mr. Atherton stated the Town will have to redo the Sewer policy if this is done. Mr. Hopkins stated people that had two water meters would have a sewer bill for the one that is connect to their house and if they pay all of the assessments for the second water connection, they would pay a second bill. Tracy Wyman noted the Board is making assumptions and Ray Counter is the person that would make the decision. Ms. Gage stated she will contact Mr. Counter to discuss this issue.

2. Consent Agenda

a) Minutes of Board of Sewer Commissioners of June 22, 2020

b) Consider Purchase Order 60968 to the City of Rutland WWTF for Processing of Sludge - \$59,670.00

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Tracy Wyman to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Adjournment

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Doug Bailey to adjourn the Board of Sewer Commissioners' meeting at 8:41PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant
Recording Secretary