

Brandon Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting January 23, 2023

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

Board Members In Attendance: Seth Hopkins, Brian Coolidge, Tracy Wyman, Ralph Ethier, Tim Guiles

Others in Attendance: Dave Atherton, Neil Silins, Bill Moore, Steve Bissette, Marielle Blaise, Linda Grace, Bernie Carr, Jack Schneider, Sandy Mayo, Jim Emerson, George Fjeld, Carol Fjeld, Cecil Reniche-Smith, Steve Bissette, Claire Babyak-Schick, Mike Schick, Judy Bunde, Sue Gage, Helyn Anderson, Thomas Kilpeck, Kevin Waldie

Others In Attendance Via Zoom: Bruce Jenson, Adam Murach, Will Duane, Patricia Welch, Joan Ballen, Susan Johnson, Bruce Jenson, Jan Coolidge, Chris Brickell

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Seth Hopkins – Chair.

a. Agenda Adoption

Motion by Tracy Wyman/Ralph Ethier to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Approval of Minutes

a) Approve Minutes of Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting - January 9, 2023

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Tracy Wyman to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting. **The motion passed with one abstention – Seth Hopkins.**

3. Water and Sewer Bill Discussion

Seth Hopkins noted there was a question that came to the Sewer Commission regarding the water billing as to why and when it changed. Dave Atherton stated Kevin Waldie asked if the Fire District is being charged for billing. The Town does not charge them and never had charged them because before Town began billing, the meter readings were used for the sewer billings. There had been previous discussions of merging billing for water and sewer through NEMRC prior to it happening and when the Fire District's system had a failure, it was thought a good time to do the merge. It is hoped to get to quarterly timely meter readings but are not quite there yet. The Town has to rely on water meter readings to generate sewer bills. Sue Gage stated the meters used to be read with the Water Department creating their bill and then they sent the Town

the same number to do the sewer billings. There is a savings and the costs have not increased for the billings. The merging of the bills began July 2020 but this merger had been discussed for a couple of years but had not been done due to the Fire District having to change their year-end. Ms. Gage noted there may be a few people that are just water customers, but she is not aware of an additional cost for billing. Mr. Atherton advised the Town does not do any of the delinquent billing for the Water District. Sue Gage advised the Water District is a separate municipality from the Town and the Wastewater is an Enterprise Fund and has a separate budget.

Dave Atherton reported the repairs for the Country Club system are going well. They were able to get the power in and are getting the new panel installed. GMP has been very good to work with.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Tracy Wyman to adjourn the Board of Sewer Commissioners meeting at 7:07PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant
Recording Secretary