

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

February 9, 2016

Present: Val Daigle, George Cornwall, Charlie Packard, Mary Calandrella and Doug Briggs

Absent: Leo Collette, and Steve Nims

CALL TO ORDER

6:00pm

Motion by George Cornwall, 2nd by Dave Berger to approve the February 9, 2016 Agenda, vote was unanimous. The commission was unable to vote on January 12, 2016 meeting minutes. The commission will motion on January minutes at the next w/s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Briggs presented to the commission the proposed .50 cent rate increase to offset the upgrades needed at the Westminster pump station. Doug went over both the water and sewer budgets with handouts and explained the individual expenses needed at the pump station. The commissioners asked if a bid went out for this work and if the work was necessary. Doug explained that the pump station has not had any upgrades per say in the last 20 yrs and we need to address these issues. Doug mentioned that the sewer rate will also need an increase come July 1, 2016. He also mentioned to the commissioners that Ashburnham is still in talks with Gardner on signing the IMA.

Motion by George Cornwall, to increase the sewer rate by .50 cents per hundred cubic ft, 2nd by Val Daigle, Charlie Packard Nay, Dave Berger Nay, vote did not pass.

Doug will bring his concerns on the vote to the B.O.S.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary asked the commission their decision on ice fishing on the reservoir. They stated that is has always been allowed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The commission spoke on other options for sewer discharge and expansion. It was mentioned of a treatment plant but the high cost to build a sewer treatment plant for 800 customers would not be cost efficient. The cost to expand sewer is too costly for the amount of sewer customers that could be added to the system.

NEXT MEETING

TBD

ADJOURN

Motion by: Dave Berger, 2nd by George Cornwall, vote was unanimous. 6:39pm

Respectfully Submitted by: *Mary Calandrella*