

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
April 10, 2018

Members Present: Val Daigle, Dave Berger, Leo Collette, Steve Nims, Heather Budrewicz, Julie Dean, George Cornwall (Noted that George Cornwall joined the meeting at 3:50 pm.)

CALL TO ORDER 3:04 p.m.

Motion by Leo Collette, 2nd by Dave Berger to approve the April 10, 2018 agenda, vote was unanimous.

Motion by Dave Berger, 2nd by Dave Berger to accept the March 20, 2018 minutes as written, 2nd by Val Daigle, minutes accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Gardner MOU. Input by members to edit language throughout MOU. Discussed clarification is needed where Ashburnham's liability ends and where Gardner's liability begins should be stated MOU. Members will forward their comments and edits to Julie by the end of April to incorporate into one document which will be sent back to the members to review.

Bioxide treatment and grease issue at Suffolk wet well was discussed. Grease trap inspection and enforcement discussed. State mandates but town currently has no by-law for enforcement.

Heather Budrewicz discussed the updated Water/Sewer FY19 budgets. She reviewed changes to both budgets and FY18 budgets compared to FY19 budgets. Water budget is good but sewer FY19 line item for Bioxide was cut in half, Gardner charges line item was cut by \$15,000 and Heather will confirm in May whether a sewer rate increase will be necessary if retained earnings do not offset the sewer budget. Heather stated that the Treasurer's office is working on getting 1st quarter revenues collected in Munis system into Vadar system.

George Cornwall suggested solar use at the sewer pump stations would be an initial cost but that it would reduce the line item for electricity paid in future years. George said that there are grants for this. Steve will follow up.

Leo reviewed the 1st quarter Filtration Summary, Cost Summary and Lake Level. Lake level is at 1.9 and is at the highest level in the last 8 years. Usage is down.

Val Daigle gave an overview of the progress of the warrant article for fall meeting regarding re-zoning sewer district to encourage sewer extensions/connections. Comments received from the Planning & Zoning boards were reviewed. Next boards Val will meet with are the Economic Development Committee and Selectman.

NEXT MEETING

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018 3 p.m.

ADJOURN

4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, *Julie Dean*