

SEWER COMMISSION MINUTES

November 9, 2005 Minutes

Mr. Connolly - The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 7:15 pm.

Roll Call - Mrs. Paul - In attendance were: Paul Nordstrom, Thomas McGee, III and Michael Connolly. Also in attendance were: Manny Alvarez and Patricia Paul, Secretary. Not in attendance was Linda-Jean Briggs not present.

Mr. Connolly -Approval of October 12, 2005 minutes. Are there any corrections, additions, deletions?

MOTION made by Mr. Nordstrom and seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on an aye vote to accept and approve October 12, 2005 minutes.

Mr. Connolly – The aye’s have it. Motion carried 3-0 on an aye vote.

2. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Alvarez reviewed October’s events that occurred. There were a couple of blown capacitors on Lorraine Avenue and the Halliwell sewer pump station which caused one of the pump not to turn on.

Those capacitors have since been replaced and the pumps are working now. There was a false alarm at Branch River and found out that the SCADA is tied into the same line as the sump and when the sump would be tripped it would trip the SCADA system. And the SCADA is now on its own circuit. If it does trip, it won't occur again. The emergency generator six month service/inspection was performed. Both stations had their oil changed. A resident from 67 Morse Avenue called about a sewer line blockage. They had GEM Plumbing service out there and they said that the main was blocked. He went out to the residence and was told they weren't sure of what was going on. Mr. Alvarez stated that he called the Woonsocket Sewer division to jet that line and assist in clearing the blockage. The line is not broken and is still working. Also, 15 Kirby Lane tied into the sewer system.

Mr. Connolly asked Mr. Alvarez if there was any more talk about getting Mr. Alvarez some more help?

Mr. Alvarez responded that it was talked about at last months monthly meeting and trying to figure out how can they get the personnel trained properly and if they can hire someone to work part-time. Right now, they are probably going to train with what they already have. They really don't know what to do right now.

Mr. McGee asked what was wrong with the individual that had to begin with?

Mr. Alvarez's response was that person was on a part-time basis and did think that it was appealing to him to come and work part-time.

Mr. McGee asked would they hire a full-time.

Mr. Alvarez's response was no not right now not with how the budget is. If one person would be trained, atleast that would help him out somewhat.

3. MR. DEAN P NARODOWY-ODOR ON PROPERTY

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Mr. Connolly stated that he did not see Mr. Narodowy present.

4. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

None Received

5. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Alvarez stated that Mike Phillips called and wanted to know the status of Elizabeth Avenue sewers. Mr. Alvarez stated that Mr. Fernando Tavares still has not cleaned the sewer system and a letter was sent from the town engineer. Mr. Tavares contacted the Town Planner and wanted to know what the status was of the release of his bond. The last word received from the Town Council was that they would not release the bond until he took care of the sewer system.

Mr. Alvarez just wanted to inform the Commission that Mr. Tavares was trying to get his bond released without cleaning the sewer.

Mr. Connolly asked that it would have to go through Mr. Alvarez first.

Mr. Alvarez stated that yes, it would have to go through him first, then the Commission then the Council. He has not completed phase 2. That project has stopped. He has started three sections and stopped each time. There is a pipe in the ground but it is not going anywhere. The DEM called and wanted to know the status. Phase 1 has been accepted but phase 2 has not. Right now we are getting high flows and the town Engineer sent him a letter stating that he would be paying for those high flows. The town will not be liable for that. It is backing up.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Connolly stated that Mr. Alvarez provided plans to the Commission labeled Preliminary Plans Submission for Dowling Village Phase 1.

Mr. Alvarez responded that they were from Duprete Engineering. Their letter was received on November 9th and which states to seek approval of a sewer design and connection for the above reference project Phase 1. (Copy will be included with minutes). The engineer has not yet looked at it. (Commission members reviewed plans).

Mr. Connolly stated they specified that Mr. Alvarez will be present for all testing. He also asked Mr. Alvarez if they asked him if they discussed any anticipated flows for the project with him?

Mr. Alvarez's response was no that it was part of the runner.

Mr. Connolly asked Mr. Alvarez if Geremia will be making an assessment on this?

Mr. Alvarez stated that yes they will.

Mr. Alvarez also stated that Rockcliff Farms sewer station is active and functioning. We're not taking it over right now. We are waiting for some parts for the pump station and it is in writing.

8. ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. McGee and seconded by Mr. Nordstrom and voted unanimously on an aye 3-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

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Mr. Connolly – The aye's have it. Motion carried 3-0 on an aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Patricia A. Paul

Sewer Commission Secretary