

**TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD, RHODE ISLAND  
SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date: March 18, 2015**

**7:15 P.M.**

Mr. Winkleman- The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission (SC) was called to order on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:15 P.M. at Kendall Dean School.

**1. ROLL CALL**

In attendance: Mr. Russell Houde, Jr., Mr. John Winkleman, Mr. William Devereaux, and Ralph De Vivo. Maura Beck W&S Coordinator and Russ Carpenter were also present.

Mr. Winkleman introduced and welcomed Mr. Ralph De Vivo to the SC.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Commission accepted meeting minutes from February 18, 2015.

**3. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND SEWER/WATER COORDINATOR**

Mr. Carpenter had 3 pump repairs for the month of February two on Country way and one repair on Victory Highway. Mr. Carpenter was unavailable to fix the one located on Victory Highway, and called FR Mahony to repair it. Mr. Winkleman and Mr. Carpenter discussed the additional costs by having FR Mahony do the repairs.

Mr. Carpenter is involved in an ongoing project inspecting the lines and checking pump station readings for any anomalies. Swamp area on Greenville Rd. will probably be postponed until the fall due to weather, if any infiltration was to occur that would be the most likely area.

**4. HORSLEY & WITTEN STATUS UPDATE**

Mr. Russ Chateauneuf of H&W provided a detailed power point presentation related to H&W's ongoing efforts for update of the ordinance amendment. This presentation concentrated on additional information on sewer lot development assessment and equivalent dwelling unit concept used in the ordinance.

A copy of this power point presentation and chart is available for review at town offices (see M. Beck). A handout of the power point slides and chart was provided to SC members as well. H&W reviewed the value of the Sewer Development Assessment Review of work plan. H&W reviewed and compared Town of North Smithfield Development Assessment to the Narragansett provision and provided recommendations for consideration with regard to development assessment and fees.

Next month Mr. Russ Chateauneuf will return with a final presentation on the ordinance review. Mr. Chateauneuf will attend an Internal Sub Committee meeting with Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Paulette Hamilton, and a few others to discuss and study in more detail the recommendations. H&W will prepare a draft report that will be provided to the SC on April 8, 2015 one week prior of the next meeting which will take place on April 15, 2015. H&W will conduct a brief presentation with

summaries, and SC will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide any additional comments. H&W will respond 3 weeks later with answers to any comments that the SC will have. This will bring this phase of the work to a close.

5. **INDUSTRIAL DRIVE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

Request agenda item to be placed on hold until new amendment is put in place.

6. **ENTERPRISE FUND**

Town solicitor needs to be present for this item on the Agenda

7. **FY 2014-2015 BILL(DETAILS EXPLAINING IT) FROM WOONSOCKET FOR BOND 2013A AND 2014A**

Mr. Carpenter explained in details the bond 2013A and 2014A the amount and payment schedules for the bonds. For each bond, series 2013A and 2014A two payments will be made one in September and one in March. They also put together an idea for what the SC budget should have for 2015-2016 between the two bonds. Mr. Houde and Mr. Carpenter discussed how these are strictly infrastructure improvements related to the treatment plant upgrade. A copy of the letter and the breakdown and payment schedules was provided by Woonsocket Regional Wastewater Commission. The copy of the letter and payment schedule is available for review at town offices see (M.Beck).

Mr. Carpenter is working closely with the Finance Director to see whether the funds will come out of Enterprise Funds or will require a raise in the usage rate. Mr. Houde and Mr. Carpenter discussed how we are kept informed of what Woonsocket does to their plant as far as maintenance. Mr. Carpenter attended a meeting at the Woonsocket plant and he would like to be kept informed of renovations and projects that are going on in order to help the SC determine future budgeting plans and fees.

8. **GRINDER PUMP ANALYSIS AND EXTENSION OF WARRANTY**

Mr. Winkleman discussed an observation, they were two different kinds of grinder pumps initially and now all except 12 are the new grinder pumps. Mr. De Vivo and Mr. Carpenter discussed the different kinds of pumps and who responds to the calls when pump fails how they are fixed.

Warranty is extended until July 1, 2015. Maura Beck sent out notices to anyone who had an expired warranty or any warranties expiring by June 30, 2015. Mrs. Beck and Mr. Silinsky received phone calls in regards to the wording of the warranties. Mr. Silinsky would like to express his concerns regarding the wording of the warranties; 2 years for E1, 3 years covered by the town, plus 5 years of maintenance for a total grand total of 10 years.

Mr. Donald Lizotte from 86 Mendon Rd addressed the SC expressing his concerns since the ordinance was written and requested warranty clarification. Mr. Lizotte received a letter from the Town Administrator that did not resolve his concern regarding the warranty. Mr. Lizotte will provide a copy of the letter to Mrs. Beck.

Mr. Richard Zagrondy 137 Mendon Rd addressed the SC. concerning the multiple failures of his pump. Mr. Carpenter will take a look at it; Mr. Zagrondy is on the list of pumps to inspect on March 21, 2015.

Mr. Winkleman and Mr. Houde would like to see a copy of the letter referenced by Mr. Lizotte before addressing any issues or concerns regarding the warranties.

9. **CORRESPONDANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No correspondence this month

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business

11. **OPEN FORUM**

**MOTION** by Mr. Winkleman, seconded by Mr. Houde and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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