

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

**Meeting Date: May 20, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Winkleman- The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission (SC) was called to order on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at Kendall Dean School.

Mr. Ralph DeVivo and Mr. Carpenter, Superintendent was not present for the meeting.

**1. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

- Mr. Russell Houde, Jr.
- Mr. John Winkleman
- Mr. Thomas Brown
- Mr. Devereaux

Maura Beck, W&S Coordinator was also present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. Winkleman and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to accept the minutes as corrected for April 15, 2015 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. Winkleman, and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to go into executive session at 7:04 P.M pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 A (2) Any discussions pertaining to litigation involving environment one grinder pumps.

MOTION by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. Winkleman, and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to Come out of executive session at 7:12 P.M. and to seal the minutes. No motions were made and no Votes were taken.

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

Maura Beck explained it was a quiet month; the readings were less than March. There was only one grinder pump repair on 35 Middle Rd. Mr. Hess from FR Mahony came and took the pump and put a spare in. He took the pump back to give it an "autopsy" and study it further. Maura will follow up with Mr. Hess to see what the problems are and review the report, and they will keep a close look on it once it goes back in. As far as billing they went out to Rockcliff units and Walgreens finally connected.

**4. HORSLEY & WITTEN GROUP PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES**

This is just an update on the ordinance re-write and amendment. The final report was given to the SC. Mr. Houde attended a sub-committee meeting to discuss the findings of the report. The conclusion is that they would like to proceed with Horsley & Witten after approval from the Town Council. The SC has decided to take 4 of the recommendations at this time for Horsley and Witten to proceed with services. Horsley and Witten provided a proposal that contained general scope of

services that will be provided along with a billing rate structure that is built in to it for future projects.

5. **ROCKLIFF FARMS SEWER ASSESSMENTS**

Mr. Winkleman recommends that this item goes to the attorney for further discussion before any decision or recommendation can be made. Mr. Nicholas Goodyear from Kelley and Mancini addressed the SC on behalf of Rockcliff Farms. Mr. Goodyear gave a brief history of the credits that were awarded in the past and the costs that were exceeded during the construction. The SC will talk to Town Solicitor and request further information from Rockcliff in order to proceed with any recommendations.

6. **E1 GRINDER PUMP UPDATE AND EXTENSION OF WARRANTY-**

There is currently an extension up to July 1, 2015. The SC reviewed the packet and letter that went out in July of 2010 explaining the maintenance and the warranty and concluded that the warranty will not be extended past July 1, 2015.

**Motion** by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Houde and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote not to extend the extension of warranty beyond July 1, 2015.

7. **CORRESPONDANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The SC did not approve the billing since the SC did not specifically request any services in any of the past meetings. This item will be sent back until there is communication attached from the person that approved the request. Mr. Devereaux suggested having communications attached from the person(s) that approve the work product so the SC is able to approve future invoices. Maura Beck will follow up who authorized the work and why.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

There is no new business.

9. **OPEN FORUM**

**MOTION** by Mr. Winkleman, seconded by Mr. Houde and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Prepared by:  
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Sewer Commission Secretary