

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

Meeting Date: June 17, 2015

7:30 P.M.

Mr. Winkleman- The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission (SC) was called to order on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at Kendall Dean School.

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
- Mr. DeVivo

Maura Beck, W&S Coordinator was also present and Mr. Devereaux arrived late.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. DeVivo and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote to accept the minutes as corrected for May 20, 2015 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. Winkleman, and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote to go into executive session at 7:35 P.M pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 A (2) Any discussions pertaining to WATER & WASTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH SMITHFIELD & WOONSOCKET

MOTION by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. Winkleman, and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote to Come out of executive session at 7:37 P.M. and to seal the minutes. No motions were made and no Votes were taken.

3. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT & SEWER COORDINATOR

Maura Beck presented report in absence of the Superintendent. Overall flows normal; no service calls for the grinder pumps for the month of May. Maura sent out letters to the residents that warranties were expired or about to expire letting them know we are not extending the warranty any further and as of July 1st they need to contact FR Mahony.

Regarding the reoccurring pump problem the one on 39 Middle Street has been returned, and they believe it has to do with the vacuuming problem from the main line, which is causing problems for the pump. They are going see if there is a resolution they can place at street level so it will fix that problem. They also removed the pump from 137 Mendon Rd. to see if it had the same problem, Maura will follow up with FR Mahony for a written report stating what the problems are.

Rockcliff units are finishing up a phase, and Buffalo Wild Wings did connect to the sewer line. There is also a resolution still going on right now between Dowling Village and the town regarding user fees and amounts that were paid out.

4. **WATER & WASTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH SMITHFIELD & WOONSOCKET**

Discussion occurred no votes were taken.

5. **INVOICE FROM ANTHONY COTTONE FOR SERVICES RENDERED FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 26, 2015**

The Town Council needs to sign off on the bill and the Sewer Commission will pay out of the enterprise fund. Maura Beck will have Deb Todd place this item on the next Town Council meeting for them to sign off.

6. **ROCKCLIFF FARMS SEWER ASSESSMENTS**

Item was TABLED until Mr. Cottone can be present at next meeting. Item will be addressed at the next meeting.

7. **Correspondence**

No Correspondence this month

8. **HORSLEY WITTEN PROPOSAL FOR WRITING SEWER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

This proposal is for a lump sum which is different from the stand alone contract for additional on call services. This proposal was changed not to include the hourly fee, and due to the amount of specific work that needs to be done they felt a lump sum proposal was more appropriate. In this particular proposal they plan to include the rate consultant. The SC recommends the proposal and then the Town Council will need to approve the proposal.

Mr. Houde feels the dates are a little aggressive, the dates can be amended. Mr. Devereaux pointed out that Paragraph 16 states the laws of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and it should be changed to the state of Rhode Island. The SC requests that these changes get made in order to proceed with the recommendations. Mr. Chateneauf of Horsley & Witten will follow up with Mr. David Igloussi to make sure that he reviewed the proposal and make sure it is something that can be changed; Mr. Chateneauf will contact Maura with further information.

MOTION by Mr. Houde and seconded by Mr. Winkleman and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to recommend award of the contract from Horsley & Witten for the proposal Phase One Sewer Assessment Ordinance Amendment to the Town Council subject to approve modifications to the terms and conditions reviewed by the Town Solicitor specific to paragraph 16 it should be the Laws of the State of Rhode Island and the time element

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

There is no new business.

10. **OPEN FORUM**

MOTION by Mr. Winkleman, seconded by Mr. Houde and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Prepared by:
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Sewer Commission Secretary

