

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

Meeting Date: July 15, 2015

7:24 P.M.

Mr. Houde- The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission (SC) was called to order on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:24 P.M. at Kendall Dean School.

Mr. Winkleman, Mr. Devereaux, and Mr. Carpenter, Superintendent was not present for the meeting.

1. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

- Mr. Russell Houde, Jr.
- Mr. Thomas Brown
- Mr. DeVivo

Maura Beck, W&S Coordinator was also present.

Mr. Houde Vice Chair will serve as Chair in today's meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. DeVivo and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to accept the minutes for June 17, 2015 meeting.

3. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND SEWER/WATER COORDINATOR

Mrs. Beck presented the report in absence of Superintendent. Slow month overall, pump flows are normal. FR Mahony still has not returned the pump to 137 Mendon Road; the spare is still in place. Mrs. Beck is pushing for an extensive detailed report on what the occurring problems could be so a solution could be put in place.

Two of the Rockcliff units closed and no current tie in.

Assessment bill went on today reflecting the \$30.00 increase the SC approved.

4. ROCKCLIFF FARMS SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Cottone gave a brief explanation of the law that was in effect on January 5, 2009 and the ongoing issue with Rockcliff Sewer assessment. Mr. Goodyear explained the costs of the project and the factors that affected the cost which is the economy. Mr. Goodyear would like for the SC to make a recommendation to the Town Council for the sewer assessment fees.

Upon further review of the cost invoices that were provided, the SC cannot recommend this item to the Town Council for approval. The invoices are very vague and not specific to just sewer connections. Mr. Houde stated that giving the magnitude of the cost we need more detail breakdown. Anticipated the private vs. public should have been broken down more appropriately, there is not enough information to make a recommendation. The breakdown needs to be done with Maura and Russ to their satisfaction before presenting this again to the SC. This item will be tabled until adequate information is provided.

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

Mr. Houde stated that there are no problems or issues with the work that was done and provided to the SC. The SC just wanted an approval from the person that requested the work.

MOTION by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. DeVivo and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to approve the invoice from Mr. Anthony Cottone for services rendered from February 25, 2015 through March 26, 2015.

Correspondence and Communications

Maura presented documents to the SC to review; this item will be discussed at the next meeting under executive session due to a confidentiality issue.

New Business

6. **PHASE 2 VICTORY HIGHWAY**

A resident that lives on Victory Highway would like to sell his home and he would like to know when Phase 2 will begin. He now has a cesspool and when he sells he needs to tell the new homeowners what the plans are, if phase 2 is not in the near future he may have to drop the asking price for his home. Mr. Chateneauf explained the new legislation that was passed which is cesspool need to be eliminated from the homes within one year of acquisition.

Mr. Chateneauf would like to know if the Commission has any information on what the intent is the correct information can be given out to residents. January 1, 2016 this legislation will go into effect. DEM is force to charge \$10,000.00 a day if not removed.

Mr. Houde stated that it was up to the Town Council to decide and they elected to hold on phase 2. As of right now there are no plans to go on to phase 2.

OPEN FORUM

MOTION by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously on a 3-0 aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

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

