

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

Meeting Date: March 16, 2016

7:06 P.M.

Mr. Houde- The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission (SC) was called to order on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:06 P.M. at Kendall Dean School.

1) ROLL CALL

In attendance:

- Mr. Russell Houde, Jr.
- Mr. Ralph DeVivo
- Mr. Thomas Brown
- Mr. William Dorry
- Mr. Devereaux

Mr. Russ Carpenter Superintendent and Mrs. Maura Beck Sewer Coordinator were also present.

2) ELECT A CHAIR PERSON/VICE CHAIR/SECRETARY

Mr. Houde turned over the meeting to Natalia Casper. Natalia Casper entertains motion for nominees.

MOTION by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Devereaux and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote to elect Mr. Houde as Chair of the Sewer Commission.

MOTION by Mr. Houde and seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote to elect Mr. Dorry as Vice Chair of the Sewer Commission.

MOTION by Mr. Houde and seconded by Mr. DeVivo and voted unanimously on a 4-0 aye vote to elect Mr. Brown as Secretary of the Sewer Commission.

3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Devereaux seconded by Mr. DeVivo and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to accept the minutes for February 17, 2016 meeting.

4) OPEN FORUM

No Discussions

MOTION by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. Dorry and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to move agenda item 5 after item 10 in Old Business

6) FROM SUPERINTENDENT & SEWER COORDINATOR

The only thing Mr. Carpenter had to add was in the next coming weeks they will be cleaning out all the wet wells. Mr. Houde asked when the draft of the budget will be ready. Mr. Carpenter is waiting for Jason the Finance Director to give him the packets. Mr. Houde asked Maura Beck

regarding the loan amount balance from the RI Housing Sewer tie in Fund. Maura explained that is still from the tie-in during Phase 1A and 1B. It is just an update of how much is available in case there were people that needed to tie in. Mr. Houde asked about the repairs. Mr. Carpenter said the control brackets and stator from 187 is a repeat but it was worked on the first two years.

MOTION by Mr. Houde seconded by Mr. Dorry and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to accept the report from the Superintendent.

7) PARKVIEW/EDWARDS AVE SEWER PROJECT

Discussion occurred no votes were taken. Mr. Pendergast will wait for report at the next meeting

8) SEWERS FROM GATORS PUB TO THE PUMPING STATION ON MAIN STREET

A letter was sent to the Town Council to notify them of the environmental issues in that area. The Town Council had no further direction regarding this issue. Mr. Carpenter Spoke to Mr. Chateneauf and they looked at the facility plan, the closest connection would be on Belcher Ave. They looked at the project to see the possibility to sewer RT. 102. One of the pump stations was designed to go in Gator's Pub parking lot. The cost estimate for this project would be about \$5.5 million for the whole area. They would have to calculate the EDU's for businesses and homes. Mr. Carpenter doesn't feel that coming up Main Street is the right thing to do. Mr. Pendergast suggested looking at both options and have Horsley & Witten break down the cost for both projects.

Mr. McGee wanted to make his presence known and would like to make the process as easy as possible. Bringing up the sewers would help the business end on that corner and they don't have the time to wait for all the engineering. Mr. Houde would like for Maura or Russ to look into the Clean Water money to make sure it is marked for other projects. Mr. Pendergast spoke to the finance director and he was going to research that, to see if the money is available. Mr. Houde asked Mr. Chateneauf asked if he could take a look at the engineering project that was submitted by the firm Mr. McGee hired and also take a look at the facilities plan that was designed to sewer that area and do an analysis and cost to report back to the SC. Mr. Houde understands the rush in the project but the Commission needs to follow due diligence, and look at facilities plan before making any kind of decisions.

MOTION by Mr. Houde seconded by Mr. DeVivo on a 5-0 aye vote to have Horsley & Witten to provide an analysis and cost on the engineering project provided by Mr. McGee and to look at the Town's facilities plan for putting sewers in on RT. 102 and calculate the EDU's for that area. The commission would like an analysis on both and report back to the commission.

9) **SEWERS ON HILLVIEW AVE**

Mr. Carpenter provided a report to the SC with three different scenarios to show cost, if the SC decides to move on this project. Mr. Carpenter would like to know if this is going to be a district, or is a pipe being put in and residents can connect when they are ready. Mr. Houde feels that the Commission needs to engage the Solicitor to see what the options are. This would be a low pressure sewer main with a grinder pump which is what is up there. There are possible 7 connections in the area. The driver for this is house number 6 her septic system is failing. Mr. Carpenter will bring this to the solicitor to see what the next step is and he will report back to the SC next month.

10) **SEWER CONNECTION / PAID ASSESSMENT FOR 594 GREAT RD**

Maura explained the residents of 594 are unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts. They did put together asking for their assessment back. There are no plans right now to make a sewer available for them right now. They do pay sewer use fees, and the SC said it was understandable for them to pay since they are connected in a back door way. They pay a sewer use fee to us plus they pay a fee to Sandman for the use of the sewer. Mr. DeVivo asked if Sandman payed the additional connection. Mr. Carpenter said he might of a long time ago. Mr. Houde asked if someone ever payed the town for the right to connect to the sewer system for that. Maura explained that they are paying two usage fees. Mr. DeVivo feels that his connection charge when he allowed another to be made to his system should have counted on ours. Mr. Dorry stated that if phase 2 happens he will still get the credit and he will have the benefits of the connection. \$20,800.00 allowed him to connect to Sandman so Mr. Houde feels that answers the question and he is not due the money back.

MOTION by Mr. DeVivo seconded by Mr. Houde and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to deny he request.

MOTION: by Mr. Houde, seconded by Mr. Dorry, and voted on a 5-0 aye vote to go into executive session at 8:03 P.M pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 A (2) Any discussions pertaining to litigation involving Parkview and Edwards Sewer Project

MOTION by Mr. Dorry and seconded by Mr. Devereaux and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to come out of executive session at 9:12. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

Motion by Mr. Houde and seconded by Mr. Dorry and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to seal the minutes.

CORRESPONDANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

11) **HORSLEY WITTEN'S REQUEST TO INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT**

This was approved last meeting and it needs to go to the Town Council. Administrator Hamilton suggested that a list of projects is made to present to the Town Council because they would like to see why the increase in amount. Maura will give the list to Deb Todd tomorrow so it can go

before the Town Council for approval. Mr. Chateneauf suggested raising the cap to \$50,000.00 due to the request of projects and also Parkview and Edwards being a bigger project.

MOTION by Mr. Dorry and seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to accept the proposal written by Horsley and Witten and present to the council to endorse it.

MOTION by Mr. Houde and seconded by Mr. Dorry and voted unanimously on a 5-0 aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM

Prepared by:
Natalia Casper
Sewer Commission Secretary