

**Meeting Minutes - Sewer Commission
December 15th, 2021, 5 pm.
Northfield Town Hall
69 Main Street, Northfield MA
Conference Room First Floor**

Attendees: Dan Gray, Tom Walker, Isaac Goulding, Michele Turner, Karen Boudreau

Call to Order: 1701

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- Deferred

Business:

- Tighe & Bond called Isaac and they cannot make this meeting. Status to be provided later.
- Pipe Lining Bidding – Green Mountain.

Billing:

- Parker Ave Condo – Property Sold October 2020 – There are 2 separate bills. AIP was former owner, and AIP was receiving one larger bill. Michelle – Beth W pulled association docs. The Assessment date is from 1/1/2020. TW owner has to pay all of the bill and then abate it. KB the deed of records has information for Purchase and Sale. Unit was listed as 120 Parker Ave and is now 12A and 12B Parker Ave. Sold on 10/8/2020. Utilities and bills should have been reconciled during the closing.

Tighe and Bond:

- IG-Zach will try to update in early January.

Pipe Lining Discussion:

- Green Mountain HGACBuy.org (Helping Govts Across the Country Buy)
- We need to sign up. TW- similar to FRCOG, we don't have to bid. HGAC does the bidding on behalf of us. The cost is based on percentage for # of population.
- HGAC contact will come on site to meet us.
- We do not have a cost plan
- We need to contact references that use them. KB

Capital Projects / Next Steps.

- IG – Is it possible to pave the road from the tracks to the plant? Can we grade and raise the road? Haulage trucks are bottoming out.
- Can there be a dedicated line for clearing easements? DEP complaint that easement clearings were not kept up.
- DG – Finance Committee looking for 5-year plan with 5-year projection. IG – This goes back to the Prickett report. The Prickett report is the most recent plan of files. TW – IG needs to rate/prioritize the best items.
- DG – Replace pipes first
- DG - % of Senior Citizens on Sewer.
- IG – Establish property lines around the plant and who owns areas.
- KB – needs the Prickett Report and create a project plan.
- Agreed / Motion (DG) for Commission to have both paperwork and an abatement approved.

Citizen's Concerns:

None

Abatements:

None

Operator Reports:

- IG – New permit in hand.
- Backup at College, 40 Pine St. There are 2 Pipes, upper and lower. The plug was removed but they hit something. 81 Highland Ave has the top pipe. Fletcher Sewer and Drain located the pipe on Pine st. The cost of getting rid of 2 pipes and going to one was asked. IG – Needs to dye test the lines.
- Northfield Elementary School reported sewer odors coming from drains and catch basins. Elementary school structures are over the sewer lines.
- IG – Locating manholes. Glenwood line replacement is a capital expense.
- Easement issues at the end of Parker Ave. A new barn was built on the easement.
- 94 Main There is a fence and shed on an easement. No call to Dig Safe to install solar panels.
- 256 Main St. Driveway installation. No call to Dig Safe.

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

- Next meeting is Wednesday at 4 pm with RCAP.
- Commission needs project update and meeting timelines.

Adjourned: 6:44 PM

Approved:

Signature: Karen Boudreau

Date: 2/9/22

Signature: Don Hy

Date: 2/9/22

Signature: Kevin Walth

Date: 2/9/22

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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