

Sewer Commission Meeting
September 16th, 2019

Attendance:

Alexander Meisner- Commissioner
Tom Walker - Commissioner
Chelsey Little- Chief plant operator
Melissa Murphy- Treasurer

Call to Order: 4:11

Citizens Concerns: None...

New Sewer Rate Proposal-

- Little has put together a sewer rate proposal sheet. This sheet consists of what we would do if we charged per household as opposed to what we have been doing (per 100 hundred cubic feet).
- Little recommended trying the ECU classification system that other towns use. This is by per type of household. Single family = 1. Two family unit = .75 per unit. The more people in a building the more money they save. But they will pay in more.
- Billing will be out sooner and we do not have to rely on the water system for the readings.
- Meisner makes a **MOTION** to propose the new ECU classification system presented to the commission. No second was given. Tom is wondering if we have to have a public hearing on this new billing method...
 - Andrea will check on the new billing method (Equivalent dwelling units) and see if we have to go through a public hearing for this.
 - This subject will be tabled until our next meeting so that we can come up with more questions.

DEP inspection Update-

- Inspection went well.
- Effluent quality went well too.

Abatements received-

- Change in ownership for a house on 30 Highland Ave. At the closing of a house, they paid an estimated amount. The amount owed is still \$366.66.
- **MOTION** made by Walker to abate the amount. Seconded by Meisner. Passes unanimously.

- **MOTION** by Walker to not reimburse an abatement for 28 Holton St. for burst pipes. Seconded by Meisner. Passes unanimously.

Applications for part time operator-

- Todd Little, has submitted an application for employment for part time work. We will be scheduling an interview with him.
- It will also be noted that Todd Little is Chelsey's husband and a phone call to the ethics commission will need to happen.

Minutes Approval-

- Minutes of the August 8th 2019 meeting of the Sewer Commissioner were signed and approved by Alex Meisner and Tom Walker

Chief operators report-

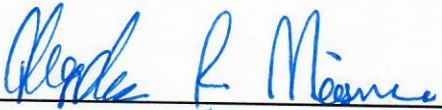
- Little has asked for maternity leave. Although she is not eligible for this through our town personnel policy, She is asking for this when she has her child.
- Under Mass. General Laws C.175M s.2 The state will be requiring all employers to pay at most 12 weeks maternity leave.
- **MOTION** to give Little maternity leave pay for 12 weeks when she is out on FMLA. The amount will be calculated at 80% of Chelsey's take home pay. Seconded by Walker. Passes unanimously.

Topics not anticipated by the chair within 48 hours of the meeting-

- Pipe extension and replacement will be happening on Glenwood but Sam Browning Jr. Trucking and Excavation may not be getting to this until the spring time.

Adjourn- 5:45 PM

Alexander Meisner



Tom Walker