

WATER/SEWER BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2021

Present: Lisa Moore, Brittany Goulet, Ralph Wilkins, Marty Frizzell, and Teresa DeBonville

Lisa Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Update Agenda: Finalize proposed 2021 budget, discuss plans for sludge removal, and discuss subsidy offer.

The board discussed the 2021 proposed budget figures. A motion was made by Ralph Wilkins to accept the following proposed budget figures for 2021 as follows:

1. Sewer account: \$225,970.97
2. Water account: \$315,424.14
3. Operation account: \$260,228.45

Lisa Moore seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board discussed with Marty his opinion on how to proceed with sludge removal. Marty believes the best option would be to use gio-tubes/bags. Marty will speak with the surrounding towns to see how they will proceed before a final decision is made.

The board discussed the subsidy offer from the state for purchasing equipment that will be needed to upgrade. This is not an offer that would benefit the town at this time; the board took no action on this matter.

Public comment: None.

Review previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting and also the minutes of the January 12, 2021 special budget meeting. A motion was made by Ralph Wilkins to accept both sets of minutes as printed. Brittany Goulet seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Marty's comments: Marty is working on a graph to show the board the pounds of sludge going into the plant and the pounds leaving the plant. Space requirements may be a concern and Marty will talk to the engineers on this.

Marty discussed with the board the option of combining the Pleasant Street Pump Station Project with the other projects and putting them all out to bid to be done at the same time. Marty and the board both agree not to hold off on this project and to go forward as planned. Work will begin in the spring.

Marty discussed with the board the fact that we no longer have a courier service to bring water samples to Colchester. A motion was made by Ralph Wilkins to pay Brittany Goulet \$15.00 per

hour to be the courier to deliver samples; as needed. Lisa Moore seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Marty will be purchasing a new GPS unit. The state will reimburse \$3000.00 of the cost.

The board and Marty will meet with Allison Murphy from the state on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 to discuss the preliminary engineering report.

Other business: Ralph asked about timeline for fixing the sewer line by the town hall. This will be done in the Spring.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.