

## WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Present: Mike S., Bruce W., Mark V., Heather M., and Noah B.

Attending virtually: Joel C.

Call meeting to order:

Meeting called to order at 5:31 P.M.

Updates to the Agenda:

No updates to the agenda

Public Comment:

No public comment

Reservoir Update:

Noah provided an update on the total cost to repair the leak in the town's reservoir, which amounted to approximately \$6,000. He emphasized the importance of addressing the issue promptly to prevent further complications. Our Chief Operator, Rodger, played a key role in identifying a qualified contractor to efficiently resolve the problem, ensuring the reservoir's functionality was restored with minimal disruption to the town's water supply.

Sludge Bid Update:

Mike provided an update on the recent sludge bid opening, noting that the submitted bids came in significantly lower than expected. He explained that H&T will now conduct a thorough review of the bidders in collaboration with the project's various funding partners before making a final selection. This process will ensure that the chosen contractor meets both the project's financial and quality standards.

SLI Update:

Joel mentioned that we have not yet received any updates regarding the Service Line Inventory (SLI). We are currently awaiting a response from H2O Innovations, who is expected to provide an update on the status and anticipated completion of the SLI. Once we hear back, we will be able to assess the next steps in the process.

Water Treatment Project:

Mike, Noah, and Joel had a discussion with state officials regarding upcoming regulations and potential statutes expected to pass by 2030. The state emphasized the importance of staying informed to avoid missing out on critical funding opportunities. During the meeting, the town presented three possible options for addressing the needs of the water treatment plant. In light of the impending regulatory changes, the town is carefully reviewing these options and collaborating with consultants and engineers to

determine the most effective and sustainable solution for the community. The goal is to ensure compliance with future laws while optimizing the long-term functionality and cost-effectiveness of the water treatment system.

Act 250:

Joel reported that the ACT 250 permit has been drafted and submitted for preliminary review. Kirstin, our engineer, is currently conducting a thorough assessment of the permit to ensure all details are accurate and compliant with the necessary regulations before the final submission. This careful review process is critical to avoid any delays or issues, ensuring that the permit meets all requirements for approval.

Budget Report:

Tabled for the next Water/Sewer Board Meeting

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved following a motion by Bruce W., which was seconded by Heather. The motion passed without objection, officially accepting the minutes as presented.

Other Business:

No other business at this time

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bruce W., with Mark V. seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.