

WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2025

Present: Heather McElroy, Mark Vaillancourt, Bruce Webster, Robert Schnopp, David Lamoureux, and Teresa DeBonville.

Virtually: Michael Strait, Joel Cope, and Lisa M.

Chairperson, Heather McElroy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Updates to the agenda: Plan for Route 105 East Brighton Road repairs.

Public comment: Robert Schnopp was present to see if the board decided on his bill for his property on Meadow Street. The water has been shut off at this property for 3+ years and has been charged at the full quarterly rate all this time. The board told Mr. Schnopp that they would decide on this tonight and contact him.

David Lamoureux was present about the sewer main break on Curran Ave, and 105 East Brighton Road. Five days prior to the sewer main break, Mr. Lamoureux explained to the board that Zach Letourneau had contacted him about a problem of the sewer not working correctly on Hillside Acres. Mr. Lamoureux told the board that Tardif Heating and Plumbing was contacted to jet the pipes, because Zach thought it was a problem at Hillside Acres. The bill for this was sent to Mr. Lamoureux, and the bill should have gone to the Town of Brighton, as the issue on Hillside Acres and the sewer main break were related. The board made a copy of the bill and assured Mr. Lamoureux that the town would take care of this.

WWTF Project Update: Mike and Joel met with USDA, and the state went over a list of modifications for the bids, which should potentially save the town money. These modifications now must go to the state for approval before we can go out to bid. The timeline for this should potentially be by February 2025.

All grant reports have gone in and have been submitted for reimbursement from the ARPA funding source.

Water treatment project: Joel mentioned to the board that they are working on being on the state's priority list for funding. The board has received a response letter from the Storer's about placing a well on their property.

A motion was made by Mark Vaillancourt to send the Storer's a second letter about the placement of the well on their property located at 339 Head of the Pond Road. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Acceptable payment plan: Mark Vaillancourt updated the board about some rules and regulations on this. Mark spoke with Susan Senning from VLCT and was told that any restrictions put in place during COVID have been removed.

Bill Status update: The bills have gone out. Heather McElroy mentioned that we should fix our town website so that payments are applied to the correct software. Currently, the website sends people to municipay instead of munibilling, and this is more work for the clerk.

Budget report: This was tabled by the next meeting.

Other business: The board reviewed the plan for repairing 105 East Brighton Road. Mark has been in contact with Zach, and Robbie Gunn, with the state. The board will co-ordinate with the state, town, and H2O on the process.

The board reviewed the invoices for the sewer main break on 105 and agreed to pay all of them.

Heather mentioned to the board about changing the date of February's meeting to either February 11 or February 25, as she will be unavailable on the 18th.

Teresa DeBonville mentioned to the board a letter sent to them from Donald Sackett. The board agreed to have Teresa send a letter to Mr. Sackett in response to his letter.

Approve minutes of Previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 17, 2024, meeting. A motion was made by Mark Vaillancourt to approve the minutes as printed. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion to go into an executive session with the board members, Mike Strait, and Teresa DeBonville to discuss delinquent accounts, was made at 6:30 PM by Mark Vaillancourt. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Upon coming out of Executive session at 7:15 PM the board has decided to credit Mr. Schnopps account accordingly to debt service only, and to send letters out to all delinquent accounts.

A motion was made by Mark Vaillancourt to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Bruce Webster seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.