

Sewer and Water Minutes

May 2, 2017

Present: Don Schneyer, Peter Socha, Tom Schuler, Tony Campetti, Mike Buffoni, Charles Kenny, Jennifer Carmichael, and Gary Johnson

Don asked for a motion to approve the April minutes; Peter motioned to accept with noted change to the April minutes and Tom seconded, all were in favor.

Averic Road closure was discussed. Mr. Kenny: does not want Town water supply to be put in jeopardy but the road is a treasure and enjoys driving down it. Mike Buffoni: it is the only water supply for the Town, what first triggered the discussion to close the road was finding boaters out fishing in the lake and the question of where it was before going into the reservoir. Tom Schuler: spoke with others who have noted, that if there is no hiking how can one justify keeping the road open. Tom motioned to recommend to the Selectmen to close Averic Road stating the Commissioners have a responsibility to ensure public safety of the water supply. Peter Socha seconded adding that there is concern for boats going into the water carrying zebra mussels, commercial vehicles and oil or gas getting into the water. The cost to put in a page-wire fence with a single strand of barb wire to go up both sides to the property line at Averic Lake would be \$6,000.00. Clean Harbors was invited to come and look at the Lake; the rep said fuel oil will stay on top of the water, while gasoline will travel into water column. Absorbent supplies to defend the lake from petroleum products require a type of floating boom will keep the gas together. The Town water supply is in the Clean Harbors data base and their team could be out here quickly if the need arises.

Water Tank update: a 12-inch main will be installed, Wilkinson will finish after payment from DN Tanks is received.

Church Street water line replacement: no contract has been signed, it will take a few months to complete. Mike made it obvious to start in the spring, need the check the contract to see if it contains a start date. The water main is on the east side of Church St. and there will be 27 cuts across the street. It is difficult as all the utilities are under ground on the street.

Chesterwood sewer progress: Tony Campetti: they ran two lines in case the main line ever fails. The hookups are all forced mains and should be on line next week. Hookup fee language needs to cover both commercial and residential. Lee and Lenox have demand or capacity fees. The fee equals gallons per cubic foot, there needs to be a formula to include both commercial and residential.

Bear trapping results: no bears have been trapped at this time.

Hydrant flushing: this will be done in May and a reverse 911 call will be made.

Water and Sewer Rates Review: will be discussed at the June 6th meeting

Mike's and Tony's concerns: The Curtisville Bridge is collapsing and settling onto the cast iron water main that runs in the bridge deck. The bridge will not be fixed for a long time, an alternate route for the water main should be planned. The main may not be able to with stand the pressure forever. The water main needs to be reinforced as the weight of the bridge will eventually damage the water line. Peter suggested talking to an engineer and possibly moving the water main out from in the bridge.

Have received an email from Town Council, Jenny Merrill, so far, an easement has not been found for the Stockbridge Gas property.

New Highway building: MGL requires an OPM on board before starting the project. All soil borings came back "ok".

5 Christian Hill Road abatement: Information was distributed and discussed regarding the usage and the readings from the water meter; there is no new meter at this location. Mike has suggested that Dr. LePine have someone check for leaks. There was no abatement issued.

Peter motioned to adjourn and Tom seconded, all were in favor.

Next meeting Tuesday June 6th

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael, Secretary