

Town of Hingham



Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2016

7:00pm

Central Meeting Room, South
2nd Floor Town Hall

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm in the Central Meeting Room, South on the 2nd floor of the Hingham Town Hall. Those in attendance included Commissioners Robert Higgins, Ed Demko and Ken Johnson; Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent; Stephen Dempsey, Sewer Supervisor; Liz Welch, DPW Office Administrator; Kirk Shilts, Board of Health Chairman, and Tom Patch.

Tom Patch is recording this meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2016 Meeting

Commissioner Demko stated that he wanted to have the NPDES permit on an agenda as discussed at the previous meeting. Commissioner Higgins stated that Randy Sylvester would explain again about the permit. Randy Sylvester explained that the Town of Hingham abides by the permit and a new one is coming out. He works with Engineers on the permits every year and goes through all of the requirements. Randy Sylvester stated that he has been to meetings about forming a utility. The Town of Hingham is not a place where a utility would make sense. This would be another fee which would be considered another tax. The DPW has been able to absorb this expense in their budget. The Town of Hingham's tax base takes care of these expenses. Randy Sylvester explained that the Sewer Commission does not have to do a NEPDES permit because Hull does it for them. The DPW is in charge of drainage and the Sewer Commission is in charge of Sewer. The Hingham Sewer is a sanitary sewer not a combined sewer.

Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent, passed out sewer pump station monthly flow reports for January and February. He explained that detailed daily reports are in a three ring binder at the DPW office and available to look at during office hours.

Commissioner Johnson made a Motion to approve the minutes as recorded for the February 9, 2016 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Demko and was passed with a unanimous vote.

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The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00pm.

3. Sewer Rules and Regulations – Possible Vote to Adopt

Commission Higgins stated that this vote will not happen at this meet as Town Counsel has gone through them and is in the process of updating them. The updates are mostly the definition sections as well as making them consistent throughout. The goal is to put a copy up on the website by Friday.

After these changes we should be ready to vote on them at the April 5, 2016 meeting.

4. Supervisor's Report

Stephen Dempsey, Sewer Supervisor, reported that on February 19, 2016, the force main on Lincoln Street ruptured and crews were called to repair the pipe. The job was completed in approximately 24 hours. 10'5" of 15" FM was replaced and 16'8" of 8" GM was replaced. Approximately 520,000 gallons were bypass pumped to the Nite Soil with trucks.

As part of the FY16 Capital Budget, NE Generator is in the process of replacing the generators at Bel Air and Howe Street stations.

Weston & Sampson has prepared a map of the Hingham Sewer District and the I&I work that has been performed since 2013. Stephen Dempsey laid out the large detailed map and showed the areas where there have been repairs by fiscal year. He also explained that all the locations have been entered into the Town's PeopleGIS DPW Asset Management System - Sewer System MapsOnline.

Stephen Dempsey reported that he was contacted by the DCR and they reported that over the winter they have replaced 20 manholes and approximately 4000 feet of gravity main were lined inside Wompatuck State Park. He has requested video files of the work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Welch
Office Administrator