

Deep River Water Pollution Control

March 5, 2012 Monthly Meeting

Minutes

Call to order: This regular meeting was called to order at 735 pm.

Members present: Bibbiani, O'Keefe, Reyer, Lewis was acting secretary.

New Business:

Lewis gave a brief progress report on the River/Kirtland Street Expansion Project. The DEEP has expressed interest in placing this project on the 20012-2013 Priority List. This could enable the town to receive a 5% grant, in addition to the USDA monies that are being applied for. It is not clear at this time if the DEEP Grant will result in a reduction of the USDA grant, which is believed to be 20- 30% range. The archeological survey for this project is currently underway and should be completed by April.

Old Business:

A lengthy discussion of the ongoing challenge with the Clean Water Act debt retirement yielded several possible solutions. The Authority plans to discuss the options with the BOS/BOF.

Lewis gave a brief review of the O&M budget. Historical data shows that equipment is being replaced/rebuilt, but that the funding and personnel required to maintain and operate the facility is not going to be sufficient in the near future. To keep this utility financially sound, the O&M fee needs to be increased over time to cover costs associated with more stringent State and Federal requirements. Lewis provided sewer rate surveys for both CT and MA, with average yearly EDU costs currently set at \$369 and \$638 respectively.

Motion to Adjourn: Upon Motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Reyer and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 905 pm. The next regular meeting is set for Monday April 2nd @ 730 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Lewis, acting secretary