

Hooksett Sewer Commission
November 15, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. Present were Chairman Sidney Baines, Commissioner Frank Kotowski, Commissioner Roger Bergeron, Superintendent Bruce Kudrick and Bethany Hague. Todd Lizotte from the Hooksett Town Council was also in attendance.

APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Commissioner Bergeron made a motion to accept the November 15, 2011 meeting minutes as read. Commissioner Kotowski seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVED AND SIGNED MANIFESTS

READ CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCIAL REPORT – There was no financial report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

AIRFLOW GRAPHS – Supt. Kudrick showed the Board how much air flow is being put through the system to keep the disks moving. The electrical costs are skyrocketing because of this, and because there is so much air in the system, he keeps losing the prime on the pumps. These problems are constant, and he has not received any kind of remedy from the engineers or Krueger.

NOVEMBER 4th TESTS – Supt. Kudrick explained to the Board what happened during the testing of the system on November 4th. Representatives from the State, Krueger, Insurance companies and attorneys came to watch it. Before the official test even began, IFAS tank 3 started to fill up. The system was running normally, and there was sufficient air, yet the tank started to fill and to make matters worse, there are no alarms in that tank, only Tank 4. After the tank was drained it was found there were minimal rags, so that was not the cause of the problem. The regular test was then performed, and IFAS 4 again plugged up, and the disks could not be broken up until water was back fed into the system.

So it seems whatever you do causes problems. The system is still running with a high ph level, and they went through a \$225 barrel caustic soda in 3 days. Because Supt. Kudrick must do testing at different times of the year before he can ask for the ph level to be adjusted by the state, the caustic soda is the only solution to this problem at this time. If the permit cannot be adjusted for ph at the permit level, a chemical plant will need to be built on site, and that has not been budgeted for.

Everything that Krueger has been telling Supt. Kudrick to do to fix problems at the plant go completely against their own written operating manual. The one good thing that came out of the testing was the representatives from the state told him that there was no way he or his staff could have prevented the incident in March from happening.

TREE ROOTS – Somewhere in the south of town there is a tree root problem. Supt. Kudrick found a very large and long broken tree root in one of the manholes in that part of town. Usually he would call for a tv truck to come and try to find the problem, but unfortunately, due to money constraints he will have to be reactive this time, waiting to see if a problem develops.

NH WASTEWATER POLLUTION ASSOCIATION – The association will be taking a tour of the plant on December 8th with a luncheon and information session at the Puritan Back Room afterwards.

MCDONALD’S – The infiltration problem has been fixed and the K-Mart pump station has gone back to normal levels.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

WALMART LINE – *Steve Decoursey, Peter Imse, Jay Surdukowski* – These gentleman came before the Board to give them an update on the installation of the private sewer line from Walmart to the plant. They are in discussion with Southern New Hampshire University regarding how they would discharge to Martins Ferry pump station so that they would not interfere with the university’s discharge. They will most likely store stormwater in the existing tanks at the site and discharge during the early morning hours to avoid any overages. Exact procedures will be put in the easement with the university. They are going to begin setting up meetings with the towns for all the specific permits that they will need. They did want to discuss potential ownership of the line once it is installed. Chairman Baines stated that if the line is only to be for Walmart’s use then it would stay a private line to be maintained by Walmart alone, and would not be the responsibility of the Hooksett Sewer Commission. Commissioner Kotowski asked if it would be able to take additional capacity, and was informed it was only designed for Walmart’s usage. Discussion regarding informing the Town that capacity would be available for this project ensued. Chairman Baines stated that a letter can be sent to the town stating the project does have capacity.

GRANITE HEIGHTS – *Steven Keach and Patrick Colburn from Keach-Nordstrom* – The gentleman came before the Board to discuss the completion of the Granite Heights Phase 1 project. It was almost completed, but the final units were not built due to foreclosure. According to the town, the project is vested despite the long time lapse, as long as there are no major changes to the original building and street plans. Obviously all the permits have lapsed and will need to be renewed. The project needs a confirmation of capacity from the Sewer department to go forward. The only deviation from the original plans for the sewer is that they are eliminating the temporary pump station and everything will be gravity fed down to Route 3.

Currently the project still has 44 units of purchased capacity, and will need to 60 more. The cost for these additional units will be \$180,000.00. Chairman Baines asked what the projected start date would be for the project, and was told that the bank currently holding the project is in talks to sell it, but it was hoped that the new owners would start in the spring. Mr. Keach stated that they would need a letter stating that the project would have capacity for the completion to add it to the closing documents for the sale.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

The Commission did not go into non-public session.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kotowski motioned to adjourn at 1:55 PM, Commissioner Bergeron seconded. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Commissioner Frank Kotowski
Clerk