

**Town of Stratham
Public Works Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2008**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:34 PM

Members Present: D. Sallet, Chair (DS)
B. Mitchell (BM)
M. Perfit (MP)
L. Hamm (LH)
M. Girard (MG)
J. Moran (JM)
J. Boisvert, Sec

Town Officials/Staff Present: P. Deschaine, Town Admin. (PD)

1. Welcome to Jim Moran who joined the PWC as a third alternate member
2. Meeting Minutes of 6/3/2008: Reviewed and accepted
3. Old Business
 - EAST – Estuary Alliance for Sewage Treatment
 - PD – RM was approved as the representative by the Selectmen.
 - Wastewater Conference in Vermont
 - Three Town members attended and split up to cover the three major themes.
 - Composting & Recycling
 - Financial
 - Other?
 - General Comments on the Conference
 - RM – Small Community Systems were presented as a “small footprint” not “small community”
 - RM – The attendees suggested that Stratham hold a similar conference for “small municipal systems”. PD is looking into working with the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation to hold such a conference.
 - Beneficial to the Gateway Committee if a similar conference were held in Stratham.
 - Fire Protection System
 - PD distributed copies of the easement plans to the PWC members.
 - Issues with the size of the main by CVS and pumps v. tank

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- Exeter Water Board
 - General discussion of the dissolution of the Board by the Exeter Selectmen.
- Lee, NH Water Board
 - JB was unable to make contact with the Lee Board. There will hopefully be something to report next month.

4. New Business

- Gateway Commission
 - PD – Gateway Committee is pursuing “Form Based Zoning”. PD provided a brief description of what Form Based Zoning is.
 - PD – Gateway Commission has recognized the need for water and wastewater infrastructure in order to support the Gateway.
 - Wastewater discussion:
 - PD and Chuck Grassie have been discussing how to proceed towards a wastewater solution. There are two ways to start the approach to a solution. One would be “vendor” based and the other would be “consultant” based.
 - PD discussed the benefits of a vendor based approach.
 - RM discussed the potential reasons why it may be advantageous to pursue a consultant based approach.
 - JB stated that a wastewater solution may be more difficult to achieve than a water solution and that it good that this issue is being discussed.
 - PD suggested that members of the PWC attend the Gateway Committee meeting on the 17th. JB volunteered and volunteered Jen Mates to bring the GIS maps that are being developed relating to water supply.
- IMCA Webcast July 22nd

Adjourn: 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted:

John J. Boisvert, Secretary

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