



TOWN OF HUDSON

Municipal Utility Committee

Jeff Rider, Chairman

Nancy Brucker, Selectmen Liaison



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Hudson Municipal Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: January 21, 2015

Attendees:

Jeff Rider, Chairman

Bill Abbott, Vice Chairman

Robert Russell

Bernie Manor

Nancy Brucker, Selectman's Liaison

Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer

Donna Staffier-Sommers, Sewer Utility Administrative Aide

Absent:

David Shaw

Valerie Marquez, Water Utility Clerk

Guests:

Patrick Colburn P.E. of Keach-Nordstrom

Amy Facey of Sparkling River, LLC

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hudson Municipal Utility Committee was held Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm, in the Board of Selectmen meeting room of the Town of Hudson at Town Hall. Secretarial duties were provided by Donna Staffier-Sommers.

1. Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of the December 17, 2014 Municipal Utility Committee meeting were read and approved. A motion was made by Bill Abbott to "accept the meeting minutes for meeting dated December 17, 2014 as presented." Bob Russell seconded. The motion carried.

To accommodate our first guest, Item 6C – 300 Webster Street subdivision – water line extension was taken out of order and the Committee recognized Patrick Colburn P.E. of Keach-Nordstrom, representing the developer.

An 8” water line extension was recently approved for this 11 lot subdivision and an additional lot with an existing duplex. The owner is requesting consideration for all water access fees, a total of \$65,100, to be waived. Patrick explained that there will be a substantial cost to the developer to extend the water line to service the property. The potential to recoup some costs when others connect into the line within 5 years will be minimal, if any.

Bob Russell was first to respond and inquired as to what benefit this would be for the Town. He didn’t see how waiving this fee was beneficial. The developer could put in wells instead of Town water. He would be more likely to entertain the request if the project brought in some commercial use. The other Committee members were in agreement that the fees should not be waived.

Bob Russell made motion; seconded by Bill Abbott “to not recommend waiving the water access fees totaling \$65,100 and reiterate that the developer would receive compensation of \$3,600 for each connection into this water line extension from other properties for the next five years.” The motion carried.

Item 10A – sewer and water acceptance – Sparkling River phase 4 (map 156 lots 5&6) was next to be taken out of order. A memo written and presented by Elvis Dhima – Town Engineer explained that inspections are done and all other departments are on board. He noted that a water easement deed to the Town has been recorded and recommends acceptance. The water line is to be public and the sewer line is to be private; consistent with other condominium developments. There is a 60 foot section that is not to spec but is satisfactory to the Town.

Motion made by Bill Abbott; seconded by Bernie Manor “to recommend acceptance of the water line of Sparkling River phase 4 located on Weymouth Court, Wickford Lane and a portion of Leybridge Drive including the club house.” The motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Abbott; seconded by Bernie Manor “to recommend acceptance of the sewer line of Sparkling River Phase 4 located on Weymouth Court, Wickford Lane and a portion of Leybridge Drive including the club house.” The motion carried.

2. Financial Status – Water Utility

- A. The Cash Flow reports through November 2014 and the Expenditure and Revenue reports through December 2014 were reviewed. The expense as shown in line 5592-210 for water operation and maintenance- gas line and 5593-210 for supply-gas appear to be reversed. This needs to be corrected. Donna will follow up.

The PWW Operations Report of November 2014 was reviewed. Why is the Ducharme well recording only 44 gallons in November? Elvis is to follow up.

3. Old Business- Water Utility

A. Status of wells-

Weston and Sampson is in the process of scheduling the drilling of a well and adding a pump. This will allow water to go back into the system after testing.

4. New Business – Water Utility

A. Abatement W-UTL-14-07 DeRosa 7B April Court

Motion made by Bill Abbott; seconded by Bernie Manor “to table abatement request W-UTL-14-07 for more information and defer to the next meeting.” The motion carried.

Because some members may have to leave before the end of the meeting, the Committee took item number 10B Sewer abatement S-UTL-15-11 out of order.

The applicant requests an abatement of sewer charges on the basis of excess outside water use in the amount of \$179.77 (151 x 1.1905). Applicant does not have an auxiliary meter to record outside water use.

Motion made by Bernie Manor; seconded by Bob Russell “to recommend approval of abatement S-UTL-15-11 in the amount of \$179.77, this one time only, with recommendation to install an auxiliary meter for future abatement requests as per policy.” The motion carried.

Continuing out of order, the Committee reviewed item 7B,C,D – master plan and leak detection.

Elvis spoke of:

- Current master plan is about 20 years old and needs to be updated. This will give us more information of what we need – pipe size, etc. There is currently no money for this in the budget.
- Leak detection – no money in the budget but the Engineering budget may have funds to use. This will be looked at closer to year end.

Elvis left the meeting at 6:18pm

The Committee is to review the master plan proposal from 2013 and discuss at the next meeting. The Committee will request that Elvis look into inviting Weston & Sampson to come to a meeting and discuss a master plan.

5. Financial Status – Sewer Utility

- A. The cash flow report from November 2014 and the Expenditure and Revenue reports from December 2014 were reviewed with no comments. The balance of capacity is shown at 28,003 gpd.

7. Old Business – Sewer Utility - None

8. New Business – Sewer Utility

- A. Discussed above

9. Closing Remarks -

Jeff Rider presented the Committee with a copy of the Committee's 2014 annual report.

Donna informed the Committee that one of the Belknap Road properties identified as having potential development with a deferred betterment assessment has been sold and development is being planned. When this lot is developed and the betterment paid, the betterment district for Belknap Road will be complete.

Nancy informed the Committee that she will not be seeking re-election to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee wished her well with many thanks for her contributions to the Committee.

Bernie mentioned that he received information in the mail for water line insurance from a company in Portsmouth. Pennichuck also offers a similar insurance at a lower rate. The Committee recommends that a note be placed in the water bills suggesting this plan. Nancy will bring this to the Board for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2015.

Donna Staffier-Sommers
Sewer Utility Administrative Aide

