

Sewer and Water Minutes

August 10, 2021

Present: Don Schneyer, Tony Campetti, Mike Buffoni and Jennifer Carmichael and Remotely, Peter Socha, Absent, John Loiodice.

Don asked for a motioned to accept the minutes from July 6, 2021, Peter motioned to accept the minutes, all were in favor.

Jim Wilusz from Tri-Town spoke regarding Title 5 septic systems in general and addressed the septic systems ages and the ledge at Lake Drive. On the lake, residents are installing systems costing \$50,000 to \$60,000. How to make the water quality of the lake better would be to provide better sewerage. Beth Laster Nathan discussed the survey that the Lake Drive Association did as to number of units on Lake Dr., the age of systems, the different types being septic or tight tank. There are 32 homes that are interested in hooking into the sewer system. Don explained the Sewer and Water Commissioners do a five-year projection for projects they want to have done and this sewer extension has not been budgeted for. There is concern about the health of the Lake.

Water haulers late/demand fees this will discussed at the September meeting.

Rain issue with treatment plant and Park Street pump station: with the amount of rain we had in July, we lost some equipment, this tally was submitted to Chris Marsden. If the cost of replacement is a certain threshold it will trigger emergency management and the possibility of being reimbursed at a later date. The plant was sustainable but Park Street was hit hard, possibly by infiltration, possible something was back charging, but there is a drainage issue. Mike Canales received a proposal from DPC Engineering and should be finalized soon.

Tuckerman's bridge water line moving: hope to have contract signed and back to Foresight by next week.

Stockbridge Bowl Steering Committee: Not much talk about sewer around the lake but Mike and Mark are continuing to test the water once a month.

Concrete barriers are still up at Curtissville, everyone has been busy with all the rain we have had the old one will be replaced soon with new barriers.

Letter to State concerning regulations issued to communities regarding drought protocols: both Sewer and Water Commissioner Don Schneyer and Roxanne McCaffrey from the Select Board signed the letter. Instead of Towns being able to set water

restrictions the State wants to take over mandates for level 1 - 4 drought regulations. Many Towns are upset that the water operators will not have this discretion.

There is no new news regarding the access road/gate to the plant.

Abatement for 35 Interlaken Road: a water shut off was hit mowing the lawn and caused valve to open and the water line had never been capped. They have asked to abate the sewer as water went into the ground. Peter had a problem granting the sewer abatement, he felt things that are due to negligence of the owner and he wanted to go on record that he is not in favor of abating the sewer. Peter felt moving forward he would not be in favor of abating sewer or water due to negligence of the owner and not a broken pipe in the street.

Mike got the water shed inspection report back with recommendations. This will be discussed at the September meeting. Boundary lines have been painted all around the water shed area and new signs posted.

Fiscal year 2021 budgets for the water and sewer commitments are net for water \$173,000 and surplus of \$516,500 and sewer net \$255,000 and surplus of \$83,000.

Lake Drive issues: need to get an engineering done by residents out of pocket. Commissioners need to solve problems of those who are already users first.

Don asked for a motion to adjourn and Peter motioned to adjourn the August meeting, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael