

Sewer and Water Minutes

September 7, 2021

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

Don asked for a motioned to accept the minutes from August 10, 2021, Peter motioned to accept the minutes and John seconded, all were in favor.

A policy for abatement of sewer was discussed Don felt it did not go into the sewer there for did not cost Town anything. Peter felt people should pay more attention to leaks on the property and still pay the sewer portion also. John felt charging for sewer when unused may create bad relations between the department and residents. It was suggested to look at each case individually.

Tuckerman's bridge assessment will be done by Foresight after looking at state bridge inspection documents to understand the current condition of the bridge and how much weight the bridge will carry. The Town administrator has the signed contract.

The Town has a signed contract for the Park Street Pump Station with DPC Engineering. Discussion on the Park Street pump station drainage and the problems being picked up and not sure why this is happening. Tony would like to do a sump pump inspection as the last one was about 10 years ago. He referenced the Town bylaws, Article XIV, Sewers and Drains, Section 2.8; No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or ground water to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer. A letter will be sent to Park Street residents this month.

Water haulers late/demand fees were discussed at the meeting. A \$10 demand fee is what can be done at this time and after 60 days a percentage is added on. For bulk water haulers Mike would be able to cut off those that are 30 days in arrears.

Water Shed inspection letter: We have a water shed management plan and water treatment; that gives a half log credit removal allows the plant to use less chlorine. Mike gave our safe yield report to the inspector so the state could look at it and give him feedback. Last year Mike recorded reservoir levels, this was given to DEP. He usually does this once a week and will again do this when the reservoir stops overflowing. Mike is in the process of finding out how much water the lake holds. Mike would like to have the bathymetry done of the lake and is looking into hiring someone, he would like to put in an article next year to fund this. The letter suggested putting in a beaver deceiver and asked that the forestry management plan be updated.

Stockbridge Bowl Steering Committee: John brought a 5-year plan to the steering committee; how to keep the lake clean and safe as it is a great asset. Some of the septic systems have failed around the lake and Tri Town is concerned. The 5-year plan does not include septic systems around the lake at this time. We have other expenses before more sewer projects start around the lake. Mike checked lab results measuring phosphates and nitrates and all were very low.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael