

# *Sewer and Water Minutes*

*January 5, 2021*

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

Don asked for a motioned to accept the minutes from December 1st, John motioned to accept the minutes and Peter seconded, all were in favor.

Park Street Pump Station: Tony gave an update and the agreement has been sent out. He is waiting for the proposal to comeback, his contact has reached out to 2 different vendors 2 vendors for submersible pumps and 2 different vendors for suction lift pumps and expects in 2 weeks to have the different options and the cost of each. We had a year of reprieve for our I & I study and correcting the work needed, it has now been 2 years. Need to file something with the state letting them know where we are with I & I study. State is looking at fiscal 2023 and 2024 that we show we are moving forward towards fixing or repairing what was found in the I&I study. One of the things in the I&I study they wanted the Town to look at was the Beechwood sewer. The State is looking at a complete asset plan for the entire collection system. To do this we will need to camera the whole system; doing Beechwood to both clean and camera the lines would help to satisfy the State that we have started working on items found in the I&I study. Another area in Town the State would like to see prioritized is Maple and Elm Streets catch basins and lining.

Curtisville Bridge Status: At this time the Sewer and Water Commissioners are not working on the bridge. This work is a relocation of the sewer and water mains on the bridge for the benefit of all who live up that way. We are taking proactive measures to ensure customers have water and sewer.

Beaver issue at the Cove: Mike and Mark continue to knock the beaver dam down but it is not part of the water supply but there is the earthen dam on the small side of Averic Road which we own 1/3 of the dam. The Town has an easement over the dam to maintain the Gate House. The Beavers cause the water to go over the top of the dam. DEP is not concerned with the beavers; they do not affect the water supply since we have a water filtration plant. The only worry from DEP is the beavers making stagnant water in our stream that feeds the reservoir. The Lake intake needs to be cleaned out when the water is warmer, in the summer this will be done with Town fire department dive team. During this time Mike will get another mooring ball out into the lake at the intake structure.

Access Road: Mike Kulig got a response from the state and Mike had a few minor things he had to send back to the state. Mike Buffoni spoke to the Town Administrator, Mike

Canales, regarding paving. The access road will need to be paved and Mike suggested going to town meeting with an article to fund paving the entire complex around the waste water plant, the salt shed, transfer station and that whole driveway area.

Mike helped out with the last big snow plowing during the regular work hours. Mark worked on the 550 Highway truck and it is ready to go. Mike, Tony and Mark will help out when needed as the highway department needs the help during large storms. Any over time will be paid out of the snow and ice fund.

Tony spoke about the Quiet Knoll sewer line and the Town taking ownership: There are several private sewer extensions that have been created over the years, all have been done to Town specifications. To have the Town take over we will need a special article at Town Meeting with all the private extensions on that article; this will be approved by Town Counsel. Mike Canales suggested if private extensions are to continue in the agreement it should state that after substantial work is completed the Town takes it over in a year. The Town Administrator is working with Town Counsel to find out all the legal aspects of the Town taking ownership. Another article would be the sewage grinder at the plant; the low side of the grit channel is worn out, needs a barring and at this time the grinder is out of service; it was repaired 8 years ago. The parts alone to fix would cost around \$14,000, a new one would be \$22,500 and it seems to make sense to go this route. Plus, the debt service issue that was not on the warrant last year would be two times the normal payment. Tony would also like to purchase a new sewer camera for the Town and appropriate about \$10,000 for the camera.

Mike mentioned a municipal preparedness seminar, the first to be, preparing for climate change. Action grants can be applied for after getting on the state list. Weather affect the waste water and the water supply. Mike spoke about the cat & dog fountain and the horse trough fountain. The cat and dog sculptures have money allocated and will be redone. The engineering of the stone work is done but they will need to go back to CPC for additional funds for construction of the trough. 150 to 200,000 gallons a year that just gets dumped into the ground. The state wants to see every service metered the horse trough will not be difficult and when they dig the cat & dog fountain up Mike and Tony or Mark will put in a water line and meter pit.

Tony asked to have meetings with their 3 department heads to discuss upcoming projects and vacation times with highway, waste water and water departments. The waste water plant is 40 years old and when inundated with flow such as the large amount of snow we had followed by rain it really struggled to keep up. The lining of the cross-country cemetery easement and church street pipes have helped immensely and it is money well spent.

Peter motioned to adjourn the Sewer and Water meeting and John seconded, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by, Jennifer Carmichael