

# *Sewer and Water Minutes*

*March 2, 2021*

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

Don asked for a motioned to accept the minutes from February 2nd, Peter motioned to accept the minutes and John seconded, all were in favor.

Don updated the Curtisville Bridge: Work schedule should start the later part of March and be finished the end of May.

Tuckerman's bridge project: Waiting for Town meeting to allocate Water Surplus money needed.

Abatement for 7 Glendale Middle Road: High usage of water from their bill prompted Mike to go to the property and he found the soaker system was on a timer and suggested to owners to put in for an abatement of the sewer as the water went into the ground. The abatement for the sewer was granted for \$594.19.

Park Street Pump Station: Tony trying to get a number for budget purposes. In regards to a submersible setup it would be similar to Glendale and Goodrich Street pump stations. He had a call with Mike Canales and the engineers and we will have a designated contractor not have the Town as the contractor. Money can be saved by: bypassing the pumping of the station (\$35,000 for 4 weeks) by keeping the old pump station running until the new one is ready to be operated. Fencing, paving to the new station and landscaping could work around some of this and save half the money, engineer priced out pumping system that was above a middle of the road price. A new generator was installed in 2014 and can be used instead of purchasing a new one. By the end of the week should have two other bids/cost in. The Town Administrator is looking at a 20 year note but trying to get some good numbers.

Forestry for Town discussed. John asked about the cost of the forestry services and contractor doing it. The town forester is paid out of the tree warden's budget. The state encourages forestry projects, and approves all cutting plans before any cutting is done, there are very strict guide lines. The contractor wanted to use Quiet Knoll Road to bring big trucks down to harvest but the department was against the use of the road it would be too much for the road's surface. There is a road to use that goes around the lake. Sewer and Water department does all the organizing but the Town General Fund receives the money.

John gave dated on the Stockbridge Bowl Steering Committee meeting: analysis was given of the lake, the water plants and taking care to not be too aggressive which would

destroy the beneficial plants. When the ice melts we will carry on with the water samples that Mike, and Mark have been doing. Talk of tying into Town sewer was mentioned but is not at the forefront but some day down the road.

Mike Kulig updated Tony and Mike on the state information on the access road to the plant. The State requirements: to have a culvert out by the road and a small sediment basin to the right of the road.

Town Report: Peter Socha has submitted the report and sent copies to the Commissioners as well as Tony and Mike.

Private sewer lines: Tony has heard from Quiet Knoll, Riverbrook and Larrywaug Cross Road are all in agreement that the Town should take over ownership and maintain these private lines. Tony is still trying to discuss this with owners on Train Hill Road and Bean Hill Road.

Tony sent out his budget and met with the Finance Committee: Sewer budget was cut by \$6,000 which included \$5,000 from electric and \$1,000 from safety equipment, budget is lowered by 3.24%. Sludge contract has one more year and will have to put it back out in FY 2022 for FY 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael