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Minutes
April 4, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was held in Room 203. Members in attendance were Elaine Fiore, William Watson, Superintendent Robert Monaghan, Assistant Superintendent David Walsh and Town Treasurer Carl Pike.

Ms. Fiore called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

1. Plant Upgrade:

Superintendent Monaghan discussed the damaged diffusers in tanks 1 & 2. The cost of materials to replace the diffusers is estimated at \$68,000. Installation will be done by Methuen Construction for time & materials. CDM Smith and Methuen Construction are discussing the costs and the approach. They are in the process of dismantling the old diffusers on both tanks. The estimated delivery of the materials is 8 – 10 weeks.

The windows in the GBT room were installed below the height of the concrete floors. The height will be adjusted and the window reinstalled. Superintendent Monaghan recommended the repair should not be an additional cost since the original design included the lower window height.

Some items from the punch list are being worked on. Methuen Construction will be reducing their crew from 5 to 3 people on site.

2. Davis Property:

Ms. Fiore stated we had an article for Town Meeting for funding of the leaching fields through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). She stated it appears Kingston is on DEP's preliminary list for funding. We need a positive Town Meeting vote to move forward.

Mr. Pike asked if the project would move forward without funds from the Bond Bill. The discussion revolved around the need for both the Bond Bill funds and the SRF funds to move forward. Ms. Fiore stated without new leaching fields sewer couldn't assist in nitrogen relief or new zoning being proposed. Superintendent Monaghan stated the current leaching fields are over 20 years old and he is concerned whether or not the fields have exceeded their expected life span.

Mr. Watson suggested test pits in the area to determine the condition of the leaching fields. Superintendent Monaghan stated it would be expensive and we would need to coordinate work on the property with Mr. Tonsberg.



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3. Town Meeting

Ms. Fiore stated Town Meeting will be held on 4/29. We have an article for the leaching fields and the operational budget. She said the article contains the original salary amounts submitted with the budget.

4. Wage & Personal

Ms. Fiore mentioned there is a meeting with the Wage & Personal Board next Monday at 6:30. She will post it as a Sewer Commissioner meeting in case Mr. Watson is able to attend.

5. Update from Superintendent

See above

6. Retirement

Ms. Fiore mentioned we had accepted Superintendent Monaghan's retirement and he will be leaving in a month.

Adjourn. Upon a MOTION made by Mr. Watson and SECONDED by Ms. Fiore, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the open meeting at 4:55PM to go into executive session for the purpose to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel not returning to open session.

Elaine Fiore
Sewer Commissioner