

Approved 10/14/2015
NORRIDGEWOCK SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2015 4:30 PM

Present: Tina Gossman, Ronald Currier, Bruce Obert, Charlotte Curtis

Others Present: Sewer Administrator, Sewer Operator.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gossman at 4:29 PM.
2. The meeting was called because sludge pump Number 2 needed replacing. The Board was shown an estimate from DP Welding and Fabrication from Embden. This was the only estimate shown. The Sewer Administer told us there was no one else in the State who could do this work. Mr. Obert asked if they had considered ductal iron line instead of stainless steel and was told they had not. He requested that they get estimates with ductal iron line and he gave several different names of companies in the area that carry it.

It was also requested that they record and report to the Board the difference between the number of gallons that get treated that are paid for and are not paid for in March and April of 2016.

3. Mr. Currier questioned the deficit reports the Board was given at the March budget meeting: the difference between \$2500 (approximate) which was the impression the Board received and the actual deficit of \$62000+.

At the last meeting the Sewer Administrator had told the Board that we could be fined and held personally liable by the DEP for the Sewer Department being in debt to the Town and for any malfunction of the system due to neglect on the part of the Board to vote in a budget that would cover any repairs. Mr. Currier had requested a letter from the DEP to this effect. The Sewer Administrator denied that she had told us this and said the DEP would not put penalties in writing for us. Mr. Currier made a motion to not allow the Sewer Administrator to speak while the Board discuss the shortfall in the budget. Mr. Obert seconded the motion.

Mr. Currier also questioned the possibility of a conflict of interest between Tina Gossman serving as a Sewer Commissioner since the Sewer Operator is her brother.

As the Board did not want to approve the request for \$13000+ until after receiving the estimate on the ductal iron piping, Mr. Currier moved to recess the current meeting until the next day, Tuesday August 4, 2015 at 4:30 PM. Chairman Gossman seconded and it was voted.

We recessed at 5:20 PM.