



Town Of Pembroke

Sewer Commission

MONTHLY SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: June 18, 2018 TIME: 7:00 P.M. PLACE: 4 Union St.

1. Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 pm

Attendance: Commissioner Harold Thompson, Commissioner, Commissioner Jules (Andy) Pellerin, Daniel Driscoll, Paulette Malo, Operations Director, Pete Boettcher
Unavailable:

2. Citizen's Comments: None

3. Scheduled Meetings: a. Linda Manter 440 Deerpath Lane: Ms. Manter read from her sewer dispute (letter is attached as well as Sarah Carbonneau quotes). Ms. Manter stated that she had no reason to question that the meter on the well wasn't being read. Dan asked her why she didn't question that all the bills were the same amount not showing any amount for usage especially when there was no one at the home due to extended vacations. Ms. Manter responded that she does not pay the bills her husband is her accountant. Therefore, she never saw the bills until she moved into the house in March 2017. Paulette stated that Ms. Manter does sign the checks that the commission receives. Ms. Manter agreed that she does sign the checks.

A lengthy discussion took place about the letter that Ms. Manter brought in. Paulette stated that the sewer department stopped reading the meter in 1997 as it appeared to not be functioning. Since 1998 the meter had not been checked. The sewer department would not check on the meter after 1 year unless the property owner notified the department that the meter had been fixed. Ms. Manter purchased the property in 2004. She rented to 2 or 3 people until she moved into the house. Her renters were gone for most of the winters.

Paulette explained that there is usage showing on the outside reader but she is not sure if the amount is accurate where the inside meter is less than the outside reader.

Dan explained that the Commissioners will need to discuss this further how they would be able to determine the meter is reading accurately. Ms. Manter will be notified by letter of any discussion that the Commissioners make. Ms. Manter left the meeting.

The Commissioners discussed how to know for sure that the meter was reading correctly. Dan stated that in order to know for sure a new meter and outside reader would need to be installed. Andy asked who would be responsible to put the new meter in. Dan said it would have to be the property owner, because they own the meter to begin with.

A discussion followed on how an abatement would be calculated. They all agreed that after a new meter was installed and 2 quarters would pass with new readings Paulette would let the commission know of the amount used for those quarters. If the quarters were less than the 20,000 gallons then an abatement would be granted to the time that she move into the house which would be March of 2017. No abatement would be granted for any previous readings. Should the amount be more than the 20,000, addition fees could be adjusted to the account.

Motion: Dan made the motion that in order to be considered for any abatement Ms. Manter would need to install a new meter and outside reader that would need to be inspected by this department at the property owner's expense.

Seconded: Andy seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 in favor, motion passed

4. Old Business: a. Any Old Business: None

5. New Business: a. Sign Manifest Bills were reviewed and the Manifest was signed.

b. Review and Sign Warrant 2 Zone 3: Warrant was reviewed and signed

c. Abatements: 3-5 Broadway: Paulette explained that this was a final bill error in the amount of \$10.43

Motion: Andy made the motion to abate the error of the final bill for \$10.43

Seconded: Dan seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 in favor, motion passed

e. Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed

f. Accept minutes of May 21, 2018

Motion: Dan made the motion to accept the minutes of May 21, 2018 as written.

Seconded: Andy seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 in favor, motion passed

6. Any New Business: A discussion took place about the law suit.

Action Item: Paulette will contact the attorney due to the potential economic hardship request the status of the Supreme Court.

7. Adjourn: 8:45pm

Motion: Dan made the motion to adjourn

Seconded: Harold seconded the motion.

Vote: All in favor, motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Paulette Malo,
Operations Director