

Randolph Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2015

Randolph Town Hall – 7 Summer Street

Present: Members John Lutz, Mary Hardy, Don Maynard, Suzanne Pickett and Tom Schersten, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Elizabeth Walker, Town Engineer Mardee Sanchez and Public Doug Pfohl (Gifford Medical Center), David Frothingham (DeWolfe Engineering Associates) and Bob Eccher (New England Precision).

Chair Schersten called to order: 8:31 AM.

- 1. Public to be heard** – None.
- 2. Gifford Medical Center** – Additional wastewater allocation for independent living facility on Tom Wicker Lane

Mr. Frothingham overviewed that the second phase of Morgan Orchards, which is Gifford Medical Center's senior living community, originally was a 40-unit independent living facility (ILF). The proposed project now is for a 49-unit ILF and a community center in a separate building. Additionally, the state is now saying the cafeteria in the ILF needs its own allocation and there are some minor changes to the infiltration/inflow portion of the allocation. The project also includes a woodchip boiler facility, but as this is a closed-loop system, no allocation is needed for it. All of this results in a need for additional wastewater allocation to what was previously approved.

Maynard/Lutz moved to recommend the Selectboard approve an additional 4,600 gallons per day of wastewater allocation for the independent living facility and community center at Morgan Orchards, with the requisite allocation fee of \$23,000. The motion passed 5-0-0.

- 3. New England Precision** – Request for separate metering at 351 Beanville Road

Mr. Eccher explained that for the current processes at New England Precision (NEP), a fair bit of water that goes through the one meter is recycled or evaporated and, as such, would not be discharged into the wastewater system. Mr. Eccher provided a sketch of the current processes and how, if another water meter were installed properly, it would be able to more accurately meter the amount of wastewater discharged to the public system, thereby saving NEP on wastewater charges.

The sketch was discussed and it was amended to show a better way of accomplishing the same thing. This would involve having two separate meters and thus billing accounts for the building. It was then discussed whether each would have to have the service connection fee that is currently in the billing structure or whether the second account would be billed for usage only. Sanchez said there are other buildings that have more than one billing account and she would get that info for the next meeting before the Committee decided to recommend a modification to the rate structure.

- 4. RFP for identifying a new water supply**

The Committee discussed the draft RFP. Some edits were made and it was decided the RFP should

include a property map, and Sanchez and Walker would work with the Town Manager to fill in the dates.

5. Systems' Updates

Walker overviewed her handout (attached). With respect to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), the state will require reductions in nitrate levels. Maynard was concerned that the benchmark should be the nitrate levels at the existing facility – not the new WWTP - and that the new facility will provide the reduction.

6. Minutes

Hardy/Lutz moved to accept the minutes of November 17 2015 as written. The motion passed 4-0-1, with Pickett abstaining.

7. Old/new business

The next meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2016.

11. Adjournment

Schersten/Maynard moved to adjourn. The motion passed 4-0-0 and the meeting ended at 9:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: as written as edited

Mardee Sanchez

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