

Randolph Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2016

Randolph Town Hall – 7 Summer Street

Present: Members, Mary Hardy, Suzanne Pickett, Tom Schersten, John Lutz and Don Maynard, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Elizabeth Walker, Town Engineer Mardee Sanchez and Public Sandy Vitzthum (Vermont Buildings and General Services).

Chair Schersten called to order: 8:36 AM.

1. Public to be heard – None.

2. State of Vermont – Wastewater allocation for agricultural and environmental laboratory on Vermont Technical College main campus

The Committee discussed the final number of employees upon which the allocation would be based. Sanchez recommended, and Ms. Vitzthum agreed, that 40 employees was reasonable and would reflect the total of full time, part time and seasonal employees at the lab.

Maynard/Hardy moved to recommend the Selectboard approve a wastewater allocation of 630 gallons per day, with a fee of \$3,150, for the new state laboratory in Randolph Center. The motion passed 5-0-0.

3. Request for an amendment to the ordinances

Sanchez explained that Shane Niles¹ was requesting an amendment to the ordinance such that buildings that are destroyed by fire or otherwise rendered unusable do not have to continue to pay the service connection fee/minimum billing while the building is unusable. The Committee discussed the pros and cons, including that any such building would still have fire protection service, the property owner wouldn't be contributing to the costs to maintain the systems which would place an unfair burden on the paying customers of the systems, etc.

In the end, the Committee could support a lower service connection fee, perhaps one that doesn't come with any usage (it currently comes with 5 hundred cubic feet), provided measures are taken to prevent leakage and inflow/infiltrations and that the lower fee is for a limited duration. The Committee directed Sanchez to draft proposed language.

4. Systems' Updates

Walker overviewed her handout (attached). Maynard questioned how critical is the proposed Elm Street project (WW and stormwater work). Walker indicated that Prospect Street is more critical overall and Maple Street is critical with respect to WW. The Committee then discussed the start-up times for the various systems at the new WW treatment plant.

¹ Mr. Niles arrived after this topic was discussed so didn't participate in the discussion.

5. Minutes

Pickett/Hardy moved to accept the minutes of February 19, 2016 as written. The motion passed 3-0-2, with Lutz and Maynard abstaining.

6. Old/new business

As his term on the Selectboard is up and he is not seeking re-election, the Committee thanked Schersten for his time and effort on the Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 25, 2016.

6. Adjournment

Schersten/Lutz moved to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0-0 and the meeting ended at 9:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: as written as edited

Mardee Sanchez

on _____