

Randolph Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2016

Randolph Town Hall – 7 Summer Street

Present: Members Suzanne Pickett, Jerry Ward, John Lutz and Don Maynard, (Mary Hardy was absent) Water/Wastewater Superintendent Elizabeth Walker, Town Engineer Mardee Sanchez and Public Carolyn Lumbra (Chair of the Prudential Committee for the Randolph Fire District #1).

Chair Ward called to order: 8:36 AM.

1. Public to be heard

Ms. Lumbra overviewed the most recent incident at 2920 VT Route 66 and expressed her concern about the lack of property management and oversight by the property owners which has resulted in large amount of wasted water. Due to this lack of property management and oversight, she did not think any abatement should be granted.

2. Minutes to approve

Maynard/ Lutz moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2016 as written. The motion passed 4-0-0.

3. Annie Lu – Request for bill abatement at 2920 VT Route 66

No one was present to represent this application. Sanchez indicated that she confirmed what Ms. Lumbra has said about the incident at this property which basically is that the water that leaked into the basement for two days was pumped out onto the ground.

Maynard/Ward moved to recommend the next wastewater bill for 2920 VT Route 66 be abated to 96 hundred cubic feet as the water did not enter the public wastewater system. The motion passed 4-0-0.

4. Vermont Dollar, LLC (owner) and Tire Warehouse (applicant) – Request for additional water allocation for fire sprinkler system at 406 VT Route 12S

No one was present to represent this application but Sanchez indicated the applicant was available by phone.

Maynard/Lutz moved to recommend the Selectboard grant a 75-gallon per day water allocation for the fire sprinkler system at 406 VT Route 12S and that the approval letter remind the application of other construction and approval requirements. The motion passed 4-0-0.

5. Lorretta Hutchinson – Request for bill abatements at 1 Lincoln Avenue

No one was present to represent this application.

Lutz/Maynard moved to recommend that the Town Manager denies the abatement request of Ms. Hutchinson as the high usage was a result of a leaking toilet which is excluded from abatements per the Ordinances. The motion passed 4-0-0.

6. Request for an amendment to the ordinances

The Committee reviewed the draft language for ordinance revisions to address billing abatements for damaged structures. The Committee made some edits which will be reviewed and finalized at the next meeting. The edits will include establishing a minimum billing for such structures.

Lutz/Pickett moved to recommend that the Selectboard, upon adoption of the amendments, set the minimum billing for damaged structures at 50% of the service connection fee. The motion passed 4-0-0.

7. Systems' Updates

Walker overviewed her handout (attached). She praised the good work of and good working relationship with contractor T. Buck. Pickett praised – and the Committee and staff concurred - Walker has been excellent in overseeing the project. The Committee then discussed start up of work by Dufresne Group on the new water supply and other matters.

8. Old/new business

The next meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2016.

9. Adjournment

Lutz/Ward moved to adjourn. The motion passed 4-0-0 and the meeting ended at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: as written as edited

Mardee Sanchez

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