

Town of Hillsborough Water & Sewer Commission
July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Peter Mellen, Chris Sieg; and, Dave Lewis; and, Penny Griffin, Administrator.

Rena Rockwell was also in attendance.

Rena Rockwell, an owner of property on Loon Pond, voiced her concerns of the increased activity at the pond access at the water treatment plant. She reported that paddle boards and floats are being used in the water, and boaters are there as early as 4 am and are there long after the 9 pm posted closed time. Besides the rule violations she stated that she is concerned about the possibility of contamination of the water due to how close people park to the dam and the trash being left in the area. Commissioner Mellen stated that she is not alone as others have also reported concerns over the increased activities and violations of the rules. He encouraged her to contact the police department when there are people there between the hours of 9 pm and 6 am as they would be the ones to properly address that issue. The group discussed other possible ways to enforce the rules of Loon Pond. Commissioner Sieg stated that the rules are clearly posted at the edge of the water. Ideas such as installing cameras and posting a larger sign with the hours use were discussed. All agreed that more frequent police patrol after the 9 pm posted close time would be beneficial. Commissioner Sieg will look into the cost of installing a camera in the area as an added layer of security.

6:30 pm Rena Rockwell left the meeting.

Commissioner Mellen stated that he had also received a call from Pete Palmer regarding his concern of some Loon Pond residents and/or their guests swimming in the pond.

The group agreed that it would be beneficial to advise abutters and watershed property owners, annually of Loon Pond with the rules and regulations to educate them as to what is and is not allowed and how important it is to protect the Town's drinking water.

Commissioner Lewis proposed the concept of placing similar signs (already advising boaters) on both County Road and Grimes Cottage Road of the Loon Pond restrictions. This action will be reviewed in the future.

The Commissioners discussed the maintenance of the trim on the water treatment plant. All agreed that it does not all need to be replaced as there appears to only be a couple of areas of concern. Commissioner Mellen will have Geoff Browning take a look at it and provide a proposal.

The need of a kayak and accessories for Cody Boisvert, the water operator, to use to observe the pond surroundings was discussed and agreed to. Commissioner Sieg will coordinate with Cody Boisvert to price out options.

Commissioner Sieg reported that he and Cody Boisvert are still working on resolving the broken UV system display screen issue.

A proposal to purchase and install a Cose 131 for the water treatment plant PLC was reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners authorized the purchase.

Commissioner Sieg reported that the computer at the water treatment plant is having some issues and suggested it be replaced. The group agreed to have Commissioner Sieg obtain a price to replace it.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed a letter to the Selectmen requesting that the selectmen and town personnel help safeguard the public water system by reinforcing the Cross Connection Control Program regulations, and, ensure no unauthorized connection to the Hillsborough public water system is allowed, other than for fire emergencies.

The Commissioners reviewed and authorized the following:

- July 9, 2020 meeting minutes
- 2020 AP vouchers #14
 - o Water \$17,543.99
 - o Sewer \$48,383.27
- Timecards

Commissioner Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sieg seconded the motioned.

All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Griffin, Administrator

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Approved by:

Date:

Peter Mellen, Chairman

Chris Sieg

Dave Lewis
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