

Town of Bennington, NH
Water & Sewer Commission Meeting
Via Zoom
January 11. 2021

Present: Rick Reed, Dennis McKenney, Matt Miller

Absent: Mark Mackesy

Minutes: Deb Davidson

Rick Reed Called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

Bridge Project - Matt Miller opened the meeting discussing the South Bennington Road Project, the plans have been approved by the State and the project is scheduled for the spring of 2022. Matt is working on prices, estimated boring a 3" sleeve down to the river is approximately \$7,000.00 +/-, he will need to hire a truck and excavator. Will probably hire JCL, estimate is under \$10,000. Matt will have a better knowledge of a price next fall, the price will be ready to be included in the 2022 budget. Once the project is under way, it will close the bridge for most of the summer. The water line will be pretty fast, no paving is involved, that will fall under the bridge project.

Bills - There are no current bills that need approval.

Fee Structure – Rick discussed the need to establish a new fee structure. Discussion followed having customer fee be from the curb stop to their house. Discussion of creating a brochure followed. Once a new fee structure is established it was discussed putting it in a brochure for residents, in a newsletter, on the Town website and on the Town Facebook page.

It was discussed that a fee structure would include the cost for outside contractor to hook-up an exception could be (i.e. a new house would probably have a contractor on site vs. if Matt needed to hire it out)

Flat fee was discussed

Application Fee – in Antrim it is \$250.00 for water plus time and material; \$1,000.00 for Sewer plus time and material.

Discussion of the need to rewrite the bylaws followed.

Annual Report – Dennis and Matt will collectively write a report. Discuss activities, scope of work, the mission statement and Matt can include the Consumer Confidence Report. Discuss the consideration of a rate increase in 2021 since it was not addressed in 2020 due to Covid-19.

Candidates to replace members on Bennington Water & Sewer at the next election. There is a need for two candidates. They need people who will be dedicated. Again, a notice is the newsletter, public notice in local paper and on the Town Facebook page. Notify Kristie & Deb Belcher.

Antrim/Bennington WW Asset Management Plan Draft – Kristie will make copies available to everyone, members need to review it and be prepared to discuss it at a meeting in the near future. Matt said he has reviewed it and is prepared to provide feedback. He already has notes. Rick asked if Matt would help us through the process on the Bennington side, Matt agreed to this.

Meeting date to be determined.

Once approved there will be a meeting to allow residents an opportunity to review.

Matt indicated this is the last AMP project with no more assets to manage.

With no further business motion by Rick Reed to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm, seconded by Dennis McKenney.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davidson