

Milford Water/Wastewater Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2024

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Present: **Dale White**, Chairman, **Hunter Philbrick**, Vice-Chairman, **Robert Courage**, Commissioner
James Pouliot, Director, **Laura Scott**, Recording Secretary

Call to Order & Introductions Chairman White called this meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Press and Public Comments

Mike Thornton would like to notify WUD that the Budget Committee appointed him to be the liaison.

Decisions & Approvals

BOC Meeting Minutes – 10/14/2024 Upon motion by Commissioner Courage, seconded by Vice-Chairman Philbrick, the 10/14/2024 meeting minutes was unanimously approved 3/0, as presented, by the 3:0 roll call

Robert Courage: announced “Aye”

Hunter Philbrick: announced “Aye”

Dale White: announced “Aye”

Discussion & Information Items

Merrimack Intermunicipal Agreement –

The WUD brings their sludge to Merrimack and has a good ongoing relationship with them. Recently a different account with Merrimack Intermunicipal stopped service without notice; To prevent other accounts from doing the same in the future, they are requesting that all accounts now sign an agreement for a five-year contract and give reasonable notice before a stop of service. WUD does not have any plans to discontinue working with them on sludge removal. **Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Philbrick, seconded by Commissioner Courage, to enter into Milford/Merrimack Intermunicipal Agreement third party hauler as of October 2024, the agreement was unanimously approved 3/0, as presented, by the 3:0 vote**

Robert Courage: announced “Aye”

Hunter Philbrick: announced “Aye”

Dale White: announced “Aye”

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RV Dumping –

Director Pouliot is addressing the RV dumping situation with three different options moving forward. Some of the most recent reasons for this discussion are that an employee got injured attempting to help an RV, the mail box was hit by another RV and there are also RVs from out-of-town dumping. Options are to either start charging a fee to dump, restrict dumping to just Milford residents or eliminate dumping all together. After discussion, restricting dumping just to Milford residents would be too difficult to enforce and putting a stop on dumping all together would not benefit the environment or the town. A reasonable fee was agreed upon by the commissioners. **Upon motion by Chairman White, seconded by Commissioner Courage, to change the policy at the Water Treatment Plant in order to dump RV waste in the future there will be a fee incurred of \$25 per camper effective November 1, 2024. The policy change was unanimously approved 3/0, as presented, by the 3:0 vote**

Hunter Philbrick: announced “Aye”
Robert Courage: announced “Aye”
Dale White: announced “Aye”

Budget Prep. –

Sage worked out what remaining issues were left in reports, it will now be reconciled with NH Bookkeeping by end of week. Financial reports and budgets are estimated to be out by next week. Discussion on cost-of-service studies will be continued through next meeting once more information is presented.

Distribution Crew –

Employee put in notice of resignation. Waiting to hear back for easement on Monson Place, director Pouliot doesn't think that project will be ready before the winter. Paving two walk ways around Federal Hill that had been dug up earlier in the season.

Water Utilities Crew Updates –

Will be doing sewer jetting and have guys for traffic control. Continuing to blow out hydrants for winter and maintaining the easements.

Wastewater Crew –

Therian Roof Company came back in to repair previous work on UV coating that was coming up. Fall work is being done around the facility. Employee is still out from injury last week. R.H. White won bid for Project at \$15.1 million.

Adjournment – At 11:50 p.m. upon motion by Vice-Chairman Philbrick, seconded by Commissioner Courage, the meeting was unanimously adjourned by the 3/0 vote.

Hunter Philbrick: announced “Aye”
Robert Courage: announced “Aye”
Dale White: announced “Aye”

Future Meeting – 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 12 2024: Board of Commissioners’ meeting, at the
Water Utilities Department, 564 Nashua Street

Dale White, Chairman

Date

Hunter Philbrick, Vice-Chairman

Date

Robert Courage, Commissioner

Date

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