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SEWER COMMISSION MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 SEWER DEPARTMENT OFFICE – GRAFTON MUNICIPAL CENTER – ROOM 31

Present: David L. Therrien, Gerald F. LeBlanc, Susan H. Duval

Also Present: Paul F. Cournoyer, Mary P. Murray, Mike Walsh (CDM/Smith),
Dana Green (CDM/Smith)

Call to Order 7:05 p.m.

Correspondence: a. Planning Board – Knowlton Farms Solar Development – The Board reviewed.

Minutes: David L. Therrien moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2015 as Amended. Gerald F. LeBlanc seconded, and it was voted unanimously.

Abatements: Gerald F. LeBlanc moved to grant Abatement for \$57.75 (usage) due To septic system still utilized, for property at 12 Powerline Drive, requested by Stephen Kerr. David L. Therrien seconded, and it was voted unanimously.

Gerald F. LeBlanc moved to grant Abatement for \$5.28 (usage) due to amount not Being included on Final Bill, customer refused to pay, for property at 50 Samuel Drive, requested by Anna Howard. David L. Therrien seconded, and it was voted Unanimously.

Refunds: Gerald F. LeBlanc moved to approve a refund of \$115.50 due to Customer overpaying, requested by Neilu Cordova, for property at 7 Aspen Avenue. David L. Therrien seconded, and it was voted unanimously.

Gerald F. LeBlanc moved to approve a refund of \$76.08 due to customer Overpaying, requested by Stephen Jarecke, for property at 4 Christopher Drive. David L. Therrien seconded, and it was voted unanimously.

NPDES Permit Update: The Board reviewed Grafton Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Design Progress Reports #9 & #10.



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Mike Walsh – Bidding & Construction Services Agreement: David L. Therrien Moved to sign Contract for Task #4 for Bidding Phase Services per letter dated July 7, 2015 to Superintendent of Sewers not to exceed \$284,000. Gerald F. LeBlanc Seconded, and it was voted unanimously.

David L. Therrien moved to sign Contract for Task #5 for Construction Phase Services per letter dated July 7, 2015 to Superintendent of Sewers, not to exceed \$5,477,500. Gerald F. LeBlanc seconded, and it was voted unanimously.

Planning Board – Site Plan Review, 7:30 p.m. – Conference Room A:

(7:30 p.m.) Special Permit (2015-8) – Grafton Wastewater Treatment Plant – CDM/Smith (Applicant)/Town of Grafton Sewer Department (Owner) – A Public Hearing On a request for Special Permit to improve the WWTP, including the construction Of a new building and new structures and the installation of new process filters To reduce nutrient discharge on property located at 9 Depot Street as shown On Grafton Assessors Map 124, Lot 63. The property is located in a Residential (R20) zone.

Dana Green stated that construction on Grafton's Wastewater Treatment Plant Is scheduled to start in early 2016. Dana Green presented to the Board the latest Design in the final stages. The project will go out to bid in early fall. Dana Green Stated that there will be an array of Solar Panels added in a green area on the Depot Street property, which will not interfere with new equipment and structures. The Solar Panels will offset about one third of electricity used.

Members of the Planning Board inquired about long term growth in Town, and if the plan before them took in to account all facets of potential growth. Paul F. Cournoyer stated that the latest upgrades will be able to fully serve the Town's Needs and fulfill EPA's requirements. Paul F. Cournoyer also stated he and Dana Green met with Tuft's Representatives to review potential business Development in the campus area to be able to serve the growth and increased Sewer usage.

Planning Board members mentioned "what if" scenarios for future capacity. Paul F. Cournoyer stated that potential changes in design for speculative Scenarios would lead to increased sewer rates of local consumers. Paul F. Cournoyer stated the plant currently runs under capacity.

Joe Laydon (Town Planner) stated that all considerations related to long term

Growth would need to be weighed against required EPA and state agency Requirements, to show a documented demand from users first, before Capacity could be increased.

Dana Green stated that the new plant would mean fewer trucks to the site As some of the chemicals currently required will no longer be needed. Construction on the plant is expected to be completed by spring 2018.

Meeting adjourned 9:58 p.m.

Clerk: Gerald F. C. Blane