

Richmond Water and Sewer Commission

9-3-19

Town Center Meeting Room

Called to order: 6:00pm

Present: Bard Hill, David Sander, Christy Witters, Don Morin, Fran Huntoon, Josh Arneson, Kendall Chamberlin, Connie Bona, Brett Hamilton, Steve Palmer, Alan Huizenga.

Public Comment: None

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None

Review of the July wastewater bill for Stone Corral

Josh gave an overview of the bill. Brett stated he would like to see the more detail on how the bill is calculated so there is a standard operating procedure. Brett would also like to see the wastewater bills from other restaurants for comparison. Josh, Brett and Kendall agreed to meet before the next meeting to review an standard operating procedure for the bill. They will come back to the next meeting to present the procedure to the Commission.

Discussion and update on bridge crossing and upper Bridge St. projects

Steve gave an overview of the project:

- This is a combined water and storm water system on upper Bridge st. from stop light to just below railroad tracks. The overview started with looking at the storm water piece of the project. Then turned to looking at water which is proposed to run parallel to the storm water line. Steve noted that it makes sense to combine the projects to save on the construction costs which would be higher if done separately. He noted that the railroad permit is active and simplifies the project since the waterline has to go under the railroad. Overall this is a pretty straightforward project, aside from a few complicating factors with existing utilities.

Don asked about why they are not proposing adding sprinkler lines to the main line for the Bender block. Alan replied that this would be a choice and cost that should be made and incurred by the building owners. Kendall indicated the buildings on that block are in the process of being sold and the potential building owners are already looking to upgrade the line behind the building.

Bard and Don discussed if it was fair to the other users to pay for the connection points. Don said they should be included in the project.

Don said the cost of the spurs will not be significant. Bard states it is a cost that should be shouldered by the property owners, and that he agrees in principal that the buildings should be sprinklered, it's just a matter of who pays.

Alan stated that the building owners could link on in the future even without putting spurs in place now.

There was discussion on the project cost. The total cost for to upgrade the water line in the Upper Bridge St. project is projected to be \$296,890. If the project is completed by the end of Sept. 2020 there

would be a 50% forgiveness on the principal of the loan and there would not be interest. The loan would be for a forty year term.

Bard said the bond vote needs to be worded so it is clear that the water users are re-paying the bond while the Town is only guaranteeing the bond.

Christy moved to move forward with the water project and request the Selectboard pursue bonding authority. David seconded. Vote 4-1 in favor, so moved.

Update on annual calendar for water and sewer

This was tabled and will be added to the next agenda.

Update regarding meeting between Kendall Chamberlin and Don Morin

Don asked board members to read the meeting notes.

Superintendent's Report

Kendall did not have much more than what was already discussed in the meeting. He thanked the Winooski Wastewater facility on assistance with the lockout tagout program. Will be adding an update on the mapping to a future agenda.

Approval of Minutes of 8/19/19

David moved to approve the minutes of 8/19/19. Don seconded. Vote 4-0, in favor with one commissioner abstaining, so moved.

Discuss Items for Next Agenda and Adjourn

Stone Corral bill

Annual Calendar

Water and Sewer mission and goals

Discussion of what water and budget to put in the Town Report.

Fran moved to adjourn. David seconded. All were in favor, so move. Meeting adjourned at 7pm.