

**RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER
COMMISSION MEETING
June 18, 2018 MINUTES**

Members Present: David Sander; Bard Hill; Christy Witters; Bob Reap

Members Absent: Fran Huntoon

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources; and Ruth Miller was present from MMCTV to tape the meeting.

Mr. Sander opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Welcome and Public Comment

Mr. Sander asked for any public comment, but there was none.

Reorganization

Mr. Sander asked for nominations for Chair for the coming year.

Ms. Witters nominated David Sander for chair and was seconded by Mr. Hill. There being no further nominations, the vote carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Sander abstaining.

Mr. Hill nominated Christy Witters for vice chair and was seconded by Mr. Reap. There being no further nominations, the vote carried 3-0-1 with Ms. Witters abstaining.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Chamberlin discussed pump failures at the sewage pump station on Bridge Street. The older pump is destroyed and needs to be replaced at a cost of about \$2,500. The backup pump is vibrating, but operational. A new check valve was installed and a new control board was on order.

There were no water leaks over the Winter, which was good.

Mr. Hill asked if the town charged for high-density septage, and noted that question was posed on the local Front Porch Forum. Mr. Chamberlin explained that it wasn’t what we charged, but rather the pre-treatment process that Stone Corral used in their brewing process that saved treatment costs, therefore saved the brewer money. Stone Corral even received a treatment award for their efforts. He noted that most breweries produce a 10 to 1 waste to beer ratio, and Stone Corral was at a 1 to 1, which was unheard of. They also time out their discharges so that the treatment plant is able to absorb high BOD waste without a problem.

Mr. Sander said that Stone Corral was paying their share, and if there was a problem they would be charged more. The board agreed to tour the system’s wastewater treatment facility soon.

Mr. Chamberlin continued, and noted that the well inspection was performed, and the well itself was in great shape. The louvered type screen was in good condition, and the sedimentation in the bottom of the gravel packed well was only a few inches, not feet as expected. The main well pump was worn and would be pulled and replaced at a later time. The clear well pump was less worn but was also in need of repairs. These two repairs could cost \$20,000, but they may also obtain a backup pump.

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2 The Wastewater inspection from earlier in the year revealed a good operation but the permit required a
3 new Emergency Operations Plan, and a Phosphorus Optimization Plan. New tests were being
4 considered for effluent quality that involved the ability of the effluent samples to support life – in this
5 case, fish. Mr. Chamberlin explained that for years he’s had fish living in an effluent tank in his plant,
6 so he’s confident of the cleanliness of Richmond’s final treatment process.

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8 **Water & Sewer Allocation – 151 Tilden Avenue**

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10 The Manager explained that the single family home at 151 Tilden was being turned into a duplex, and
11 needed one additional 3-bedroom water allocation and one additional sewer allocation. Mr. Powers
12 had applied and paid the fee.

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14 Mr. Hill offered a motion to approve an additional 450 gallons per day for water at 151 Tilden
15 Avenue, and an additional 210 gallons per day of wastewater. Ms. Witters seconded the motion and
16 the motion carried 4-0.

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19 **Approval of Warrants**

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21 The Warrants were reviewed and approved.

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23 **Next Agenda**

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25 Meet for facilities tour beginning at the well house, starting at 5:30.

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27 **Adjourn**

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29 Mr. Hill offered a motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm and was seconded by Mr. Reap. So voted.
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