

**Town of Berlin Sewer Commission  
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Commissioners

Rob Allen / Jim Hartson / Henry LaGue Jr.  
Dana Marineau / Norbert Rhinerson  
Assistant Mary S Wissell

**Regular Meeting  
Monday August 8, 2011**

**Unapproved Minutes  
Agenda Summary**

**Present: Rob Allen Chair; Jim Hartson, Henry LaGue, Dana Marineau, Norbert Rhinerson, Engineer Bernie Chenette, Lorry Hadden, Bruce McDonald, Mary Wissell.**

**Meeting started at 7:03**

**Public Comment:** None

**Vine Street Sewer Line Extension - Lorry Hadden** attended the meeting to discuss her failed septic system. Hadden has approved allocation of 336 gpd and has received permission from the Selectboard to work in the road right-of-way. Discussions with contractors and obstacles have prevented her from doing this. The Sewer Commission has suggested that possibly the sewer line could be extended and the expense of this extension could be shared. Hadden has been given estimates of \$ 20,000 to \$25,000 to install a new system of any kind. Bruce McDonald attended the meeting and advised he owns the property next to Hadden's and they would connect to the system if service became available. Discussion regarding extending the line from the manhole on the left side of the street by the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church may be more feasible than working around the power poles and other obstacles from the manhole on Berlin Heights. Engineer Bernie Chenette attended the meeting, he is to prepare a design and work up an estimate of cost to extend the line. Norb Rhinerson made a motion that the Commission proceed and get a cost estimate of expense to proceed to extend the municipal sewer line to a point where Lorry Hadden can hook on. Bernie Chenette is to prepare a design and immediately find a contractor to do the work. The design and estimate will be reviewed at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry LaGue. Vote – all in favor.

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**Berlin Elementary School Pump Station** - Bids were solicited for the pump station upgrade. The only bids received were from New England Water Systems Inc and C E Wendel Electric. The projected cost for the upgrade was \$20,000 and the bids total \$19,145. New England Water Systems can start work on Wed 8/17 and the job will be completed in three days. Dana Marineau made a motion to have New England Water Systems and C E Wendel Electric proceed with the pump station upgrade. Henry LaGue 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote – All in favor.

All pumps and materials have been delivered to the site. Mary Wissell is to call Blake Equipment Company and order lifting chains. Maintenance Contractor Ron Mercier is to oversee the project.

New England Water System has asked for 50% deposit prior to starting work. Treasurer Patti Lewis is to cut a special check and send it to Mr Ostipy asap.

**Minutes** - Dana Marineau made a motion to approve the minutes from July 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Norb Rhinerson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote – all in favor.

**Assistants Report** -

Prices have been obtained for 8x20 storage container to be placed at the Main Pump Station. The average price is about \$4,000. It was decided to wait until work at the site is completed before proceeding with the purchase of a container.

Pizza Hut usage was questioned at the last meeting. A NEMRC history report shows usage has been very consistent, usage averages 17,000 per 6 month billing period.

Bills were mailed on July 27<sup>th</sup> and the due date is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Financial** - None

**Round Table** - The contract with the City of Montpelier and the annual maintenance cost was discussed.

**Warrants** – There were no warrants.

**Adjourned** - Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Motion made by Dana Marineau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Hartson. Vote - All in favor.

Mary S Wissell  
Assistant to the Sewer Commission  
Date Approved -