

**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 June 9, 2008**

Unapproved Minutes

Agenda Summary

Meeting started at 7:00. Norb Rhinerson absent.

Public Comment: none.

Stone Environmental Study - Jeff Schulz -

Jeff outlined a proposed study that Stone Environmental Inc and Friends of the Winooski River want to conduct. They want to look for discharges along the Stevens Branch of the Winooski River. Berlin is not mandated to do this, the Selectboard is concerned about cost to the town. The Selectboard gave preliminary approval pending the Sewer Commissions approval. The Sewer Commissioners primary concern was study members opening sewer manholes. The covers are very heavy and if the study is mainly for storm water management – why look at manholes. Dana Marineau made a motion – The Sewer Commission has no objection to Stone Environmental Inc and Friends of the Winooski River checking for illicit discharges as long as there is no cost to the Town of Berlin Sewer Commission. If inspection of manholes is deemed necessary they need to contact our Maintenance Contractor Ron Mercier. 2nd by Henry LaGue. All in favor.

Minutes: Minutes of May 12, 2008 meeting were approved. Motion made by Dana Marineau; 2nd by Henry LaGue. All in favor.

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Assistant's Report:

1. Connor Brothers Inc – Fred Connor is waiting for a copy of the piping plan for Industrial Lane. Mary is to give him a copy of the proposed plan to submit to the Agency of Natural Resources.
2. Paul Irons – 490 Paine Turnpike North – The office has been getting calls regarding the amount of allocation that is at this building. Records indicate that 470 gallons have been allocated and \$ 240.00 is due for allocation purchased 5/21/98. Mary is to write a letter to Paul Irons informing him of this.
3. Pike Industries - A site plan for the water lines at Pike Industries was reviewed. Pike has questioned the amount of the last invoice. There are supposed to be two meters one for the entire water and one for the water that is used in the yard and does not go in the sewer system. Ron Mercier is to go to Pike and figure out how the meters are working and how they should be working. Contact person at Pikes is Bill Rochford.
4. Delinquents - A review of delinquent reports was reviewed. Notices need to be sent and/or action started to clear up the accounts.

Maintenance Report -

1. Ron Mercier advised they had a problem at the Main Pump Station, the high water alarm was going off. The float for the sump pump had rotted off and needed to be fixed.
2. Shaw's Pump Station – As a result of a maintenance call on Friday June 6th Ron obtained a quote to either purchase a new pump or rebuild the old one. Ron feels there is a lot of water that goes thru the station and suspects that possible storm drains are coming thru. Ron to possibly do dye testing when it is storming to check this out. Price for a new pump - \$ 7,384.29; rebuild old one with new velute, impeller, bearings and seals - \$ 2,180.00. Labor was not quoted. Conversation whether to purchase a new pump and/or repair the old one. Dana Marineau made a motion that the old pump be rebuilt – repairs and labor not to exceed \$ 3,500.00. Jim Hartson 2nd the motion. Henry LaGue abstained, 3 votes in favor.

Financial - Balance sheet for May indicates that expenditures are running 75% of budget at this time.

Henry LaGue stepped down.

Anderson Easement - A copy of the quit claim deed for the Anderson Easement was reviewed. A new Easement Agreement needs to be prepared. No objections to the deed were raised, LaGue Inc to move forward and will review the documents.

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Henry LaGue – back in meeting.

Round Table -

Henry LaGue and Dana Marineau have contacted Ray Hickory re doing construction work for the Sewer Commission. Hickory has advised he is available, it was suggested that the first place to start would be to finish the road by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Warrants - Warrants were not signed. A transfer of funds totaling \$ 6,635.03 was questioned. Mary to check with the Treasurer. When they are ready to be approved, Mary is to call the Commissioners to stop by and sign the warrants.

Adjourned - Meeting adjourned at 9:05. Motion to adjourn made by Jim Hartson, 2nd by Dana Marineau. All in favor (even Henry) temperature outside about 88.

Mary S Wissell
Assistant to The Sewer Commission