

**Town of Berlin Sewer Commission
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Commissioners

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

**Regular Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
Monday July 28, 2014**

**Present: Rob Allen, Chair; Henry LaGue, Dana Marineau,
Norb Rhinerson, Ron Mercier and Mary Wissell.**

Absent: Jim Hartson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Public Comment - none.

Minutes - Meter readings for Berlin – Phrase changed to Dr Harris Building on Willard Bean Road was demolished..... Dana Marineau made a motion to approve the minutes after changes have been made for July 14, 2014 Meeting. Henry LaGue 2nd the motion. Vote – All in favor.

Maintenance - Ron Mercier reported Dana Marineau called him re the alarm at Partridge Farm Pump Station going off. Ron found both pumps off and he was able to reset pump number 2 but 1 would not reset. Chad from Wendel Electric was called and he found the motor sensor was not working. He rewired around the sensor and said it would be o.k to let it run until the motor itself dies instead of replacing the sensor. Ron reported that there is no spare pump for the pump station. Henry LaGue made a motion to approve the purchase of a spare pump in the amount of \$ 2,500 to \$ 3,500. Dana Marineau 2nd the motion. Vote – All in favor.

Shaw's Pump Station - On July 28th Henry LaGue called Ron Mercier reporting a sewer smell at Shaws over the weekend. Ron checked this out and found number one pump not working and he could not reset it. Chad from Wendell Electric was called to check it out. Pump one is not working and needs to be replaced with a spare pump which will leave no spares. Ron reported that the last time he received a price from Metevier's in Burlington to repair a pump it was

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about \$ 2,000 less than a new one. Dana Marineau made a motion to buy a new one. Norb Rhinerson 2nd the motion. Vote - All in favor.

Main Pump Station - storage. Ron Mercier is to check with Fecteau Inc re the status of the project at the Main Pump Station so a storage building can be installed.

Ron reported he met with Fred Chamberlain from Signal Engineering on July 28th re installation of new traffic lights at the intersection of Mall Road and Fisher Road.

Montpelier Public Works – A schedule and an invoice to repay the River Street Bond Project was reviewed. The Town Treasurer and two employees from the Merchants Bank reviewed the schedule and approved it as submitted by Montpelier Public Works. The confusing part, is the project cost is not the same as the bond cost. Berlin will begin making payments as invoiced as per the 20 year schedule. A copy of the schedule is attached to these minutes.

Phelps Engineering Report - A report re the force main was reviewed. Phelps Engineering's opinion is that the intent of the Agreement with Montpelier Public Works does not provide for the pro-ration for costs of the force main as being charged by Montpelier at this time. Norb Rhinerson made a motion to send the March 31, 2014 report prepared by Phelps Engineering to the City of Montpelier for their comments. Dana Marineau 2nd the motion. Vote - All in favor.

Maplewood Limited of Montpelier submitted an Allocation Application for a new convenience store with deli and fuel pumps on Paine Turnpike North. Allocation has been allocated as follows: Maplewood Store, 15,000 gpd on November 17, 1986; LaGue Inc, Follett House Lot 600 gpd on December 12, 1990; and the Jerome/Therrien Lot 240 gpd on June 22, 1998. The total granted 15,840 gpd. The new request is for 2,500 gpd allocation. Norb Rhinerson made a motion to grant the allocation to Maplewood Limited of Montpelier in the amount of 2,500 gpd, the allocation is covered in the present allocation issued so no payment is needed. Dana Marineau 2nd the motion. Vote - All in favor. Henry LaGue did not vote.

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Billing Rates - Reports were reviewed. It was noted that Central Vermont Hospitals usage was very high. The Hilltop Motel's usage was down, assumption because they no longer have a restaurant. Dana Marineau made a motion to set the rate for metered customers at \$.008309 per gallon and \$ 386.72 for unmetered customers. Henry Laue 2nd the motion. Vote - All in favor.

Warrants -

Norb Rhinerson made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant Report #2 dated July 28, 2014, checks 2577 thru 2580 in the amount of \$ 14,774.12. Dana Marineau 2nd the motion. Vote – All in favor.

Round Table - The Commissioners sadly accepted Norb Rhinerson's resignation effective August 1st.

Adjourned - Meeting adjourned at 9:00. Motion made by Dana Marineau, 2nd by Norb Rhinerson. Vote - All in favor.

Mary S Wissell
Assistant to the Sewer Commission

Date Approved: