

Minutes of September 8th 2008 Regular Meeting

Call to order: It was determined that a quorum was present. Chairman Mackenzie called this regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Members present: Mssrs. Mackenzie, Wallen, Hebert, O'Keefe and Reyher

Old Business:

1. August Operations Report: Lewis reporting that fall projects include removal of valves and piping from SBR 301, replacing several interior as well as exterior doors, Right Of Way maintenance and gutter replacement.
2. Kirtland / River Street Project: Lewis reports no progress in obtaining grant/loan agreement. Estimate for final design plan to be ready by October meeting.

New Business:

1. Mackenzie reporting residents' complaint of excessive truck traffic on Winter Avenue. Lewis stated that as haulers update smaller trucks (2000 gal. capacity) w/ higher capacity (3000+ gal.) lightweight aluminum trucks, fewer trips to the facility are required. Lewis stated that approximately 313 trucks have off-loaded at the facility during the period commencing July 1st through September 1, 2008. The facility tanker truck transported 40 loads to Mattabassett in this same time-frame. In summary, during this nine (9) week period the facility generated forty (40) truck round-trips per week. The facility averages <1 truck deliveries per week of useable goods as well as 2-3 United Parcel Service deliveries. Lewis noted that the majority of trucks delivering to the former "Marble Company" as well as residences on Winter Avenue utilize the facility to turn around in as there are few places (if any) that afford commercial vehicles a safe turn, this extraneous traffic may be confused as facility traffic by residents. Lewis added that the lack of adequate off-street parking on Winter Avenue lends itself to the challenge as two-way traffic on the dead end street is not possible.
2. Chester Operation and Maintenance Agreement: A lengthy discussion of this agreement brought forth the following salient issues raised by O'Keefe and Mackenzie:
 - Is the DRWPCA indemnified in the event of a mishap i.e. serious physical injury caused to person tripping near open hatch or manhole?
 - Workmen's compensation claim by DRWPCF employee: Deep River or Chester.

- Section III Article A, Section IV Article A state ‘...manage...managerial and other standards of care, skill and diligence’ is the DRWPCA indemnified in the event of negligence or gross negligence resulting in a serious environmental incident i.e. backup of sewerage into homes, watercourses etc?

Lewis stated that the document has been sent to counsel for advice. Lewis is formulating the “Schedule C Rate of Compensation” and will consult with the Authority when completed.

Adjournment: Upon *motion* by O’Keefe, seconded by Reyher then carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned @ 9:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 6th 2008 @ 7:30 pm.

Peter Lewis
Recording Clerk
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