

Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting

July 25, 2018

Town Hall, 1529 State Road

Present at the meeting: Dick Stover, Pete Killeen, and Andy Kay. Also present -Tom Grizey

The meeting of the newly formed Sewer Advisory Committee opened at 4:30 PM.

Minutes of the joint Sewer Commissions/Sewer Advisory Committee held June 7, 2018 were approved.

The goals of the committee as presented by the Sewer Commissions were discussed which are to bring forward any issues of concern re the sewer system, finances of the enterprise fund, the Pittsfield Sewer/Waste Water service, debt service concerns, and equipment/infrastructure issues.

Relating to the Sewer Regulations of October 13, 2004 (revised May 3, 2004), discussion followed regarding deed restrictions that were to be placed on buildable lots and cost of hookups for new sewer users.

There was a brief discussion re the Intermunicipal Agreement for Conveyance and Treatment of Wastewater between the city of Pittsfield and town of Richmond regarding new rates to be determined by Pittsfield followed by a discussion of a Notice of Noncompliance from the Department of Environmental Protection dated May 29, 2018 re water infiltration and inflow. Tom Grizey reported that he has maintained daily water flow data since the day the sewer system began service. And Town Administrator, Mark Pruhenski provided the SAC with a proposal from Tighe & Bond to provide DEP with an analysis report of the I/I of the system to DEP as requested. Funding of the cost of \$11,000 followed.

A discussion regarding the \$250,000 shortfall on the repayment of the debt service on the loan for the project cost included options to bill sewer users or request an appropriation from town. A formal recommendation will be made by the committee to the Sewer Commissioners after additional information is received from the town Treasurer.

Tom Grizey then reported on ongoing issues with respect to cleaning rags, towels, clothing etc which were being flushed into the system causing necessary pump repairs and how to better communicate better practices to sewer users.

Lastly, Pete Killeen questioned back up support for Tom Grizey duties. Also Pete commented on status of major pump equipment and availability of parts in the event of a crisis situation.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for August 29 at 4:00 PM.