

**Joint Meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission
And the Electric Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2019**

Roll Call: Steve Fitzhugh, Dave Maxwell, Nathaniel Miller, Dennis Donahue. Others present: Town Manager Jeff Schulz, Utility Superintendent Patrick Demasi. The meeting started at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes from the October 1, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Dennis Donahue, seconded by Dave Maxwell, to approve the minutes of October 1, 2019. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Meeting of the Electric Commission

Renewable Energy Projects – Update

Steve Fitzhugh stated that he is working with Eli Ladd with a company from Maine called Newtility on sub-transmission TGOV to expand and double battery bank storage capacity.

Steve also noted that he continues to work on the transfer- trip issue related to the renewable energy projects in Northfield which affects four projects: Bone Hill (1.2MW), Darn Tough (350 kW), National Guard (150 kW), and Nantanna (250kW). In an effort to solve the issue, GMP has initiated a tariff charge of \$34 per kilowatt such that owners of renewable projects will pay into a fund to offset the required system upgrades. Steve noted that the goal is to get all the projects the CPG and under safe harbor to be eligible for the current tax credits.

Meeting of Water and Sewer Commission

Sewer Issue – 207 King Street

Jeff Schulz stated that the property owner at 207 King Street is experiencing a sewer line issue such that the line needs to be replaced. The line in question is a private line that runs approximately 250 feet from the rear of the home to the 24-inch sewer main along the river. The property owner attempted to replace the line and thus far has replaced about 100 feet. However, due to financial and other factors is unable to complete the remaining work; resulting in an open sewage collection area on the lawn area and creating a potential health hazard. The property owner is requesting Town assistance to complete the line replacement based upon the non-functioning sewer system and a concern for this family. Jeff added that he is reluctant to have the Sewer Department complete the work because it is a private line. Accordingly, Jeff has drafted a proposed agreement between the Town and the property owner that allows for an emergency repair such that the Town is not and will not be obligated to make

further additional repairs to the private sewer line unless a new agreement is executed. Further, based upon the property owner's current financial situation, it will allow the property owner the ability to reimburse the Town for its reasonable costs of the repair over-time. The Commission reviewed the agreement and recommended that Jeff have an attorney review the document, and if acceptable, execute the agreement.

138 King Street Land Purchase

Jeff stated that he has been in contact with the property owner at 138 King Street (Lockerby) to discuss the Town and NED interests in purchasing the property to increase the land area of its substation. Jeff informed the property owner that Town's current assessed value of the property for property taxation is \$76,800. In response, the property owner presented a sale price figure. The Commission discussed the property owner's offer and agreed that Jeff should contract the property to further negotiate the sale price.

Motion by Dave Maxwell, second by Dennis Donahue to adjourn the Joint Meeting of the Electric Commission and the Water/Sewer Commissions. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Jeff Schulz, Town Manager