

# Wastewater Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### 11/20/14

Present: Bear Zaidman, Lucia Terry, Ray Turner, Dave Crowell, Jim Kidder, TM Peabody, Selectman King

Call to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Minutes were accepted as written.

II. We reviewed the Workshop briefly, recognizing that the Committee's proposal needed updating to reflect both the Select Board input as well as input from the public and that the next steps are in the hands of TM Peabody. It was reiterated that the Select Board has the authority to set rates. This includes the mechanisms on which rate setting is based.

Clear changes to be made from the original proposal:

1. Rather than a flat fee on "allocation" or "design flow" gpd, use will continue to be charged on the flow, and the unused portions will be charged as a "holding fee" at a reduced, yet to be determined rate. There was further discussion on the setting of the design flow. As we called it in the proposal, "Bridgton's Wastewater Permit Schedule" needs to be created, defined, and explained. This would be that schedule by which the WW Superintendent/CEO would assign design value.

2. There will be some research regarding a "minimum charge" for closed buildings/seasonal use. While we have such a limited system, there needs to be some kind of charge, but we don't want to cause undo hardship to seasonal businesses.

3. The TM will explore further a "buy back" program for extra, unwanted "allocation" gallons. The Committee has done quite a bit of work on this but was told not to include it in the Proposal last spring as we were waiting for input from legal and there was not a clear recommendation to be made at that point.

III. We had some questions and input from the public: Jamie Potter, Judy and Peter Oberg, and Al Hayes were all at the meeting. We thank them for coming! The work we're doing needs to be engaged by the public! Thank you for getting that started!

IV. We reviewed the steps of the Outreach Campaign. By mid-January the TM will have had a chance to work on those components that affect the rate and how it will be set up. In that time the Committee will develop the brochure. Lucia will work on the layout and we'll have a work session on it at our next meeting, 12/18.

V. Next meeting will be Thursday, December 18, 2014. We will have the spreadsheet on the wall.

Adjourn 8:15pm.

Submitted by Lucia Terry, recorder.