

Edward Farrar Utility District
September 9, 2020
Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: P.H. Flanders, L. Sayah, C. Parks, R. Finucane, N. Sherman all by Zoom,
S. Lotspeich, W. Shepeluk, K. Petrovic staff

Public: T. Bass; B. McDougall; T. Sweet; J Blauvelt; M. Rossi

Chairperson Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Public: no comment

Consider Modification to the agenda: Agenda approved as written

Continued Discussion on future uses of River Road area near Ice Center / Update on archeological decision on Lamson-Bachelder site: S. Lotspeich quickly briefed the attendees on the history of the Ice Center site including the archeological study conducted recently. S. Lotspeich warned there are areas of agricultural soils that need to be protected if development of the property is to advance. W. Shepeluk advised that River Road that leads into the property is owned by the Town and needs to be relocated before any future actions are taken. Discussion followed regarding future ownership of the property, costs to maintain and insure structures such as a skate park. The Commissioners felt time needs to be taken to develop a “master plan” for this location that involves departments from the Town such as Recreation and all interested parties that have expressed a desire to expand use at the site.

Former Pump House Repairs: Several Commissioners met with local mason G. Kenyon Jr., of Ridgeline Masonry and obtained an estimate for needed repairs. The estimate does break down each side of the structure if it's decided to perform repairs in segments with a project total of \$5,386.30. G. Kenyon is not available to perform this work until next spring. S. Lotspeich was able to reassure the Commissioners that despite the historical significance of the building the repairs can be performed. Information about necessary repairs to the roof is still required.

Consider wording on signs in Watershed: C. Parks will invite the colleague she has been speaking with to attend the next EFUD meeting.

Update on status of permitting of infrastructure projects: See Public Works report; Commissioners agreed to postpone a decision on whether to proceed with the design of the Route 100 Water Line project until their next meeting.

Consider moving expenses for the payment to Amtrak to a different fund: W. Shepeluk asked the Commissioners to consider a change to the recommendation he made at the previous meeting. Rather than have the water and sewer departments reimburse Amtrak for fees Amtrak was charged over the course of several years he would like the refund to be made from Property Management Fund. His request stems from his belief the EFUD Commissioners agreed to the refund in order to avoid any risk of costly negotiations between Amtrak and RW as a result of billing errors made by EFUD. All involved parties share some level of burden but the water and sewer departments held the least amount of burden as they both did supply services to the building. **N. Sherman made a motion to move the expense of \$13,160.00; \$6,000 being from water and \$7,160.00 being from sewer to the Property Management Fund. R. Finucane seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Department Reports: Wastewater sludge removal is on track; solar array installation is in progress and is expected to commence the week of September 28th.

Minutes: R. Finucane made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2020 as written. N. Sherman seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

C. Parks made a motion to adjourn, N. Sherman seconded; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District is scheduled to be held on October 14, 2020

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UPDATE

ASHFORD LANE 10 INCH RESERVOIR LINE REPLACEMENT

Grenier Engineering has finalized plans and is currently in the process of submitting the construction permit to the State of Vermont. This project would replace old 10 inch line installed in approx. 1959 with new piping in the area around Ashford Lane and Kennedy Drive.

NORTH MAIN STREET WATER AND SEWER REPLACEMENT

Grenier Engineering is in the preliminary design of this project. They have surveyed the area and have met Water and Sewer staff on site. A video inspection of the sewer lines is pending to determine pipe size and material before more design work is done. Their engineer Michael Barnes will be meeting to go over preliminary plans and changes soon.

OAKWOOD ESTATES PRESSURE ZONE

Dufresne group has completed survey work and design updates. Exploratory excavation has confirmed some of the existing infrastructure and design changes were added. The hope is for 90% design by next week and then to meet with Public Works to go over progress to this point.

ROUTE 100 WATER LINE

Stantec had submitted a new proposal for this work after it became apparent that survey work for the Route 100 paving project could not be used to aid this design. The new proposal was more costly than the last and I have held out on signing this until further discussions could happen.

ALSO IN THE QUE . Colbyville Cabinet Shop sewer . We are working on easements and construction issues with this project . The hope is to do it this fall.