

Edward Farrar Utility District
May 4, 2021
Minutes
All parties participated by ZOOM

Present: Commissioners: P.H. Flanders, L. Sayah, R. Finucane, N. Sherman, C. Parks; Staff, W. Shepeluk, S. Lotspeich, K. Petrovic

Public: B. McDougall, M. Pomilio RW, M. Podgwaite WASI, M. Rossi, A. Johnson

Chairperson Flanders called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Public: No comments

Approve the agenda: W. Shepeluk requested time on the agenda to ask the Commissioners about use at Rusty Parker Park. **N. Sherman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. R. Finucane seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Consider insert to quarterly sewer bills on information about new Sewer Ordinance: W. Shepeluk asked for the Commissioners thoughts regarding an insert to be sent with the billing, scheduled to leave the office on 5/20, regarding the new Sewer Ordinance. By consensus the Commissioners agreed to further inform the sewer customers of the new ordinance by tailoring the public notice and mailing it with the invoices.

Consider extension of reduction in water base charges and forgiveness of penalty: R. Finucane moved to reduce Commercial and Residential water base charges by \$5.00 and to reduce the penalty for late payment from 5% to 2.5% for the 02/01/2021 – 04/30/2021 billing period. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

*Penalty will continue to be charged on the 1st of the month following a bill due date. Interest charges continue to be waived until further notice.

Consider request for use of property near the Ice Center: W. Shepeluk and P. Flanders have received inquiries from individuals interested in purchasing property from EFUD located near the Ice Center for the purpose of selling food/refreshments. S. Lotspeich stated it would be advantageous for either he or D. Bookmyer-Baker to reach out to these individuals and determine their hopes as what they wish to do may not be a permitted use. W. Shepeluk agreed this seemed like a good course of action. Also mentioned is the need of a portable toilet on site for the mountain bikers that frequent the trials. W. Shepeluk will reach out to the WATA and request they arrange for one.

Consider request and process for future disposition of 51 South Main Street: W. Shepeluk introduced M. Podgwaite, Executive Director of WASI, to the Commissioners and explained that WASI is looking for a new location for the Ambulance Barn. M. Podgwaite explained some of the challenges the current location faces due to the lack of space and the need for expansion to accommodate overnight needs. The Commissioners were sympathetic of the needs for a new Emergency Response facility but also felt the location of 51 South Main was better suited for housing. It was agreed that Downstreet Housing would be contacted and if there is no interest in developing the lot for housing further conversation could take place with WASI. W. Shepeluk suggested WASI contact the State of Vermont about the Wasson and Stanley Hall location.

Consider request for use of Rusty Parker Park: W. Shepeluk explained that RW and EFUD have been approached by a film crew to use Rusty Parker Park for production of a TV show. Consensus from the Commissioners is the use is fine to pursue and permitted subject to any conditions the Manager or PWD consider appropriate.

Minutes of Meeting on April 14, 2021: L. Sayah made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Adjourn: N. Sherman made a motion to adjourn. R. Finucane seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District is scheduled for Wednesday June 9, 2021 @ 4:30