

Tamworth Sewer Commission Minutes
Tamworth Office
Meeting Monday December 11, 2023 4:30pm

Commissioners: Hillary Behr, Paul Priestman and Grant Prillaman

Secretary: Genevieve Christy

Public: Karl Behr, Select Board, Timmy Kopczynski of BCM Environmental & Land Law, PLLC

I: **CALL TO ORDER:** Hillary Behr called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

II: **AGENDA:**

- **Agenda** – there no changes to the agenda.
- **Public Input** – Timmy Kopczynski reported that Amy Manzelli has received information on plumbing options for the distillery and will send a letter to the commission regarding these.
- **Minutes:** Hillary Behr moved to approve the minutes of the November 20 meeting. Grant Prillaman seconded the motion that was approved unanimously.
- **Usage/Allocations:** Hillary Behr reported on her conversation with Jeff Haines of the Lakes Region Water Company. She also noted receipt of an application from Emily Erskine and Deftam of 26 Gregs Way for permission to convert some of their current space to apartments. Grant Prillaman stated that this should be additional incentive for DES to certify that our system is in compliance and allow projects such as this that create workforce housing to move to completion. Discussion followed on the proposed meeting with DES to be scheduled in early January. Grant Prillaman suggested connecting again with Representative Mark McConkey or Senator Jeb Bradley to support our application. Paul Prillaman recommended that we focus on our most recent submission of the SFC engineering report to DES. Hillary Behr confirmed that Scott Hazelton of DES said he would email the commission “after the holidays” with a date for an early January meeting. Hillary Behr will follow up with DES early in the New Year. Hillary reported that she would continue her research on deeds for properties connected to the system in gather information on any restrictions related to the septic system.
- **Accounts Payable:** Genevieve Christy presented the payables manifest for \$3,366. Paul Priestman moved to approve the manifest. It was seconded by Grant Prillaman and approved unanimously.
- **Financial reports:** Genevieve Christy shared reports on year-to-date revenue, expenses, accounts receivable and the balance sheet.
- **Ordinance:** Discussion on the draft ordinance focused on issues of testing, the commission’s authority, and the commission’s obligations. The commission needs additional information to distinguish its obligations from those of the town. Genevieve Christy will incorporate the comments into the current draft and circulate to the commissioners along with a list of questions before submitting these to Christine Johnston develop a final draft for submission. Further clarification is needed on whether the ordinance is issued by the town or only by the commission.

- **Town:** Genevieve Christy presented a final version of the warrant for \$26,000 and the final budget for 2024. She will submit these to the town administrator for inclusion in the town meeting.
- II: **ADJOURNMENT:** Hillary Behr adjourned the meeting at 5:48pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Genevieve Christy, Secretary

Date: _____

Hillary Behr, Commissioner Chair

Date: _____

Paul Priestman, Commissioner

Date: _____

Grant Prillaman, Commissioner

Date: _____