



## RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT

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### TRUSTEE MEETING August 10, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gautreau at 6:05 P.M.
2. Board members present: Supt. Arsenault, Palmer, Stewart, Daigle, Gautreau, Robinson, and Ulmer.
  - Absent: Blais.
3. Clerk Appointment: Motion by Gautreau, seconded by Daigle to appoint Ulmer as clerk for this meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Ulmer, seconded by Robinson to accept the minutes for July 10, 2024, as written. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Personnel:
  - Trustee Officers: To remain the same as before. Motion by Daigle, seconded by Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Wastewater Operator Job Posting: Closed yesterday. Several resumes received. Interviews scheduled with two candidates. Two resumes received after deadline; keep those resumes on file.
6. Finance:
  - Maine DOT one-time grant for climate adaptation - flood zone. Award of \$4.4MM for Dix Avenue.
  - Pilot Financial: Correspondence received from financial representative regarding change of wealth management firm to LPL Financial. Motion to utilize LPL Financial by Palmer, seconded by Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Audits: Going well. Single audit - advised to clear up CIP financial spreadsheet somewhat.
  - Septage: Received \$27,217.00 in July with year to date of \$98,940.
  - Current Operating Budget: On track; under budget for quarter. Work to fix manhole cover at field, clarifier and two tanks. \$120K out of budget due to Morse Bridge pipe repair.
  - MEMA/FEMA Update: Morse Bridge pipe had seven leaks; repair is complete. Lining installed and all cured. Pipe within a pipe. Need to look at funding sources for High Bridge over next two years; delayed repair of bridge for two years. Fiscal sustainability has several out-of-budget items. Need to clean ditches on Falls Hill. Sewer inspection camera \$113K. Discussion to put into 2025 budget and lock in purchase price until 2025. Question of grant through Oxford County EMA. Supt. Arsenault to follow up. Motion to put camera into 2025 budget by Robinson, seconded by Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Capital Project Update: Putting together 90% drawings. Regulatory agencies high priority because want to go out to bid early summer 2025.
7. Legal:
  - Moving around of funds. Bernstein Sher – project. Preti Flaherty – everything else.
  - Deeds/Rights of Way: All work done by Preti Flaherty and on file and itemized.
8. Operations:
  - Current Compliance:
    1. Pristine right now, all plants. Effluent clear.
    2. Sludge: State of New Hampshire through Casella in progress; \$65 per ton. Rest to Juniper Ridge.
    3. Rumford Point plant is mint. Emergency generator good. AST tanks to be installed. Fuel transfer. Over next two years, budget money for upgrades.
    4. Pump Station Systems:
      - DA: #1 RSP rebuild – repaired and in service; new sewage pump.
      - FH: Running great.
      - SR: Leaking – to be adjusted.
    5. 2024 Collection System: Manhole in ballpark. Sewer inspection camera.
9. Building: AST tanks to be installed, FH and Main Plant.
10. Other Business: Public hearing held in Rumford by the Select Board on August 1, 2024, for public comment on the proposed sewer assessment change.



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11. Motion to adjourn by Ulmer, seconded by Stewart at 7:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Ulmer, Clerk pro tem, for Clerk John S. Blais