

TOWN OF CASTLETON
SEWER COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:30pm
Castleton Town Hall
263 VT – 30
Bomoseen, VT 05732

PRESENT: Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs, Vice Chair; Zack Holzworth, Secretary; Robert Spaulding, Member; Joseph Mark, Select Board Parliamentarian; Michael Jones, Town Manager; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair, Mr. Leamy at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – July 16, 2018

Mr. Combs made a motion to accept the minutes of July 16, 2018 as presented. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion. Mr Holzworth and Mr. Mark abstained from the vote, the remaining Select Board Members voted in favor, the motion passed.

BUDGET APPROVAL FOR 2019-2020

Town Manager, Mike Jones recommends that the Select Board approve the 2019 -2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant budget as presented.

Mr. Holzworth asked why the line for Current Sewer Charges was empty.

Mr. Jones explained that the number that is put in will be the amount needed to balance the budget. In order to show what amount is needed, that line must be empty to begin.

The Town Manager noted that although the budget is down from last year, this is ok as there is money in the reserve account and the Town does not yet know what costs are coming and so wanted to err on the side of caution and save money where we can.

The State of Vermont had made a recommendation for the Town of Fair Haven to merge with the Town of Castleton and pump sewage into the Castleton Wastewater Treatment Plant. However, Fair Haven has not yet had an infrastructure survey done and there are concerns that their system.

Mr. Combs asked how many units the Castleton sewage plant could be increased to hold. At this time Mr. Combs has heard 25%, but he would like a more definitive answer.

Mr. Combs made a motion to set the 2019 – 2020 Sewer Plant budget at \$694,582. Mr Holzworth seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SET USER FEE/RATE

Mr. Combs made a motion to set the Sewer Per Unit rate to \$500.35. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Combs made a motion to adjourn the Sewer Commission Meeting at 6:42p.m. Mr. Holzworth seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary