

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEWISTON-AUBURN WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority was held at LAWPCA on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

Directors Present: Sid Hazelton
Norm Lamie
Mark Adams
Dale Doughty
Jeff Preble

Absent: Denis D'Auteuil
Dan Goyette

Interim Superintendent: Travis Peaslee

Assistant Superintendent: N/A

Secretary: Paula Drouin

Treasurer: Ralph Lenfestey

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Minutes

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2020 regular meeting. Jeff Preble seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Sid Hazelton made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Norm Lamie seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

After a quick review of the financial reports, Jeff Preble made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Norm Lamie seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Dale Doughty reported that we are waiting for the CSO 5-year plan report addendum and that he is going to ask Jeff Beaulé for an update.

ACA Update

Travis Peaslee reported that LAWPCA personnel continue to pump out the compost facility biofilter and believe it is nearly drained. Required monthly liquid level checks are being done as well as mowing in September/October. We also have a requirement for an annual report due in December to summarize any work completed on the site each year. DEP has confirmed in writing that we have completed all requirements except for the SEP. We were able to submit a plan to install an additional three catch basins on route 4 as part of the SEP. This work is expected to be completed by October. Unfortunately, to amend the SEP the entire ACA needed to be changed and will require new signatures. Travis was told the draft ACA is circulating DEP and should be sent back soon. It was determined that we do not need an official review if it is only the SEP being amended.

Biosolids & PFAS

Travis, Norm and Pete Preble had their first subcommittee meeting in July (purpose is to investigate solids drying technologies). On August 18, a group of board members and LAWPCA employees plan to visit Hooksett for a tour of a belt dryer (Shincci). The subcommittee will reconvene at a future meeting and may entertain presentations from engineers and belt dryer vendors who are interested in speaking with us.

Travis has been in discussion with the City of Auburn to continue the efforts of merging our City siting agreement along with the Planning board agreement as well as updating the document to reflect the changes recently approved by the DEP. Travis will likely be attending the September City Council meeting.

A Zoom meeting was held with Travis, Mark, SME, and DEP on 7/22 to discuss the Compost Facility groundwater PFAS results. The meeting went well, and it was requested that LAWPCA be allowed to continue voluntary sampling/monitoring of the groundwater at the site. The location and compounds to test for will be discussed with and agreed to by SME and DEP. Once SME recommends the locations, frequency, and compounds to test for Travis will then write a letter to DEP formally requesting next steps that would not include any new well locations or modifications to our Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP).

CSO-Clean Water Act Master Plan

Travis reported that we are waiting on an addendum to the CSO masterplan from Tighe & Bond which would highlight our collective intention to install a storage tank somewhere in the next 5-6 years.

Personnel Policies

LAWPCA received a final copy of the manual from Betsy Oulton; however, there was a discrepancy in what she had told us (and included in the manual) in regard to FML (family medical leave) and what she updated us with yesterday. She consulted with an attorney and learned that the employee level for quasi-municipalities is 25 or more employees (not 15), so LAWPCA is not subject to Maine FML. Travis will revise the manual and send to the board. Mark stated that he will send his comments to Travis.

Norm motioned to table until next month. Second by Dale Doughty seconded and the motion passed.

Cost Apportionment RFP

Travis sent out the RFP as requested with a deadline of 8/28. Sid will be part of the committee to review. There will also be a Lewiston representative, possibly Dale, but it could be someone else depending on how personnel roles change in the next few weeks. Dale will report back.

Closed Sludge Landfill

Travis and Dale met with the 463 River Rd. residents to discuss well testing PFAS results. They were appreciative for the information and conversation. They gave permission to sample at their outdoor spigot next week, with results being available ~3 weeks after that. Travis and Dale will discuss the results.

There are two more properties on the town side for which DEP has been given contact information for. DEP's plan is to sample if the properties have outdoor plumbing. If they do not, it will be put on hold for a while. There is also the question of whether the properties are currently inhabited. Norm asked if houses were built after the sludge landfill was closed. Travis confirmed that the houses are ~10-15 years old and that we stopped utilizing the landfill in 1992.

New Business

Union Negotiations

The Union had kickoff meeting this week. The current 3- year contract expires December 31, so the goal is to get negotiations started soon so we can have an agreed upon contract before the current one expires. The Board needs to determine who will participate in negotiations. Dale or Denis will be the representative from Lewiston. Travis will check with Phil to see who the long-term appointment in Auburn will be.

Treatment Plant Paving

The current estimates indicate that a patchwork approach will cost ~\$125,000. Justin Bisson from Lewiston Public Works recommends that we do a complete grinding, re-compacting and re-paving, which would be ~\$175,000. Due to the nature of paving jobs right now though, savings are anticipated and the estimate for a complete grinding/repaving project might be well below the \$175,000 estimate. There is also concern the cost savings and contactor availability might not be favorable for long. Bids are open next week, so we will see what the estimates come in at and determine how to proceed with the project.

Sid Hazelton motioned to authorize up to \$175,000 for treatment plant repaving. Seconded by Jeff Preble and the motion passed

Other Business

none

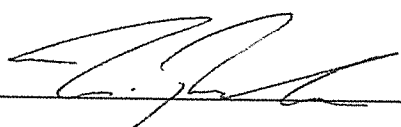
Executive Session

Norm Lamie made a motion to enter executive session. Jeff Preble seconded, and the motion passed.

Mark Adams made a motion to leave executive session. Norm Lamie Seconded.

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Preble seconded and all approved.

Attest: _____


Travis B Peaslee, Interim Superintendent