

5/21/03

Regular Meeting Boothbay Harbor Sewer District

PRESENT:

Alden Jordan
David Gaecklein
Robert Muller
Chris Higgins
Tom Whelan, Bath Savings
Frank Parker, Bath Savings
Robert & Sally Maroon, Chowder House

Meeting called to order 6:05 PM. Alden Jordan opened meeting at 6:05 pm. Chris distributed current Sewer Rate Schedule to Trustees.

Minutes of 7/7/03 were reviewed. Dave Gaecklein made motion to accept minutes of 5/7/03 as presented. Robert Muller seconded motion. Vote to accept was unanimous.

Reviewed Warrant #988. Dave Gaecklein made motion to execute Warrant #988 as presented. Robert Muller seconded motion. Vote to execute was unanimous.

ROBERT MAROON-SEWER BILL: Robert and Sally Maroon present (Chowder House) to discuss sewer bill. The Maroons were concerned with the substantial increase for 2002 usages, compared to previous years. It was explained that prior to 1/1/02, that bills were on a flat rate basis and that the equity in the billing system was skewed toward the residential users. Most of the large commercial users were already metered, however the rate per 100 cubic feet still lower than the fixed rate. After 1/1/02 and commencing in April of 2002, all users were billed at \$5.80 per 100 ft³ of consumption. The new rate applied to all users and therefore some heavy commercial users saw a significant increase in the amount paid for sewage disposal. Chris explained that because The Chowder House was a seasonal establishment they would receive two bill yearly, one for actual usage when operating and the other for the off season. The off-season bill is a minimum bill for two quarters that was based on the previous years consumption. The tiered off-season rate covers debt retirement of the plant only. The Maroons understood the explanation and praised the equity of the system, however Bob Maroon still expressed his displeasure with the amount of the increase. He did not realize the increase would have been that large.

BATH SAVINGS INVESTMENTS: Tom Whelan and Frank Parker here from Bath Savings. SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT. Bath Savings recommends three years max looking out. Rates apply if they get at least \$350,000.00 of the \$700,000.00.

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KEY BANK INVESTMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS: Reviewed Key Banks recommendations. SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ENTRANCE APPLICATIONS: ✓

1. Steven Hyson, 30 Chapel St, Map U18, Lot 40 \$1,000.00 fee paid.
2. Eric Marden, 60 Oak St, additional unit \$500.00 fee paid.
3. Sewall Maddocks, 316 Townsend Ave, Map 30, Lot 29 \$1000.00 fee paid.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Board informed that #2 decant pipe was repaired and tank is now operating properly.
2. Pump at pump station #9 failed due to an electrical short. Pump was removed and sent to Stultz Electric for repairs. Cost of repairs was \$3,000.00.
3. The new hatch door was installed at the meadow pump station. The hatch was replaced because of an injury that incurred by one of the District's employees.
4. Robert Muller gave invert picture of St. Andrews Village line to Ron Vachon and Village staff. Hopefully, the incidence of rags, towels, etc. entering the sewer line will be reduced.
5. The chlorination mixer was sent out to Motion Industries for repair. The unit seized up due to rust on the gearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robert Muller recommended that all bills include actual consumption on it to reduce confusion and to let people know how much sewage they are paying for. Chris informed Board that this was an easy fix and that the consumptions could be included when bills were prepared. Bob Muller made motion to have actual consumption placed on all bills. Dave Gaacklein seconded the motion. Vote to include consumptions on bills was unanimously passed.

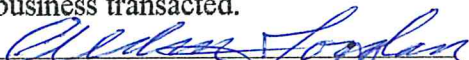
CORRESPONDANCE: None


MOTION TO ADJOURN: Alden Jordan made motion to adjourn meeting. Bob Muller seconded motion to adjourn. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

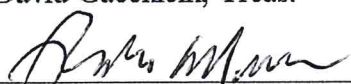

Alden Jordan, Chairman



We, the undersigned, do hereby waive notice of the above meeting and do agree to the business transacted.


Alden Jordan, Chairman


David Gaecklein, Treas.


Robert Muller, Clerk