

**Brandon Board of Sewer Commissioners  
April 28, 2014**

**NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.**

**In Attendance:** Maria Ammatuna, Ethan Swift, Blaine Cliver, Dave Atherton, Devon Fuller

**Also In Attendance:** Robin Bennett, Richard Baker, Sue Gage, Janet Coolidge, Cindy Bell, Joe Ammatuna, Thelma Miner, Jeff Stewart, Dick Kirby, Bernie Carr, Phyllis Reed, Lee Kahrs, Chris Brickell, Richard Baker, Arlyn Bloodworth, Richard Howland, Bruce Edwards, Mary Bagley, Doug Sawyer, Nancy Fisher

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by Chair – Maria Ammatuna.

**1. Call to Order**

**a) Agenda Adoption – Motion** by Blaine Cliver/Dave Atherton to adopt the agenda as presented. **The motion passed unanimously – 4 to zero.**

Mr. Swift requested an addition to the agenda and the motion was withdrawn.

**Motion** by Ethan Swift/Blaine Cliver to add Item 4. Old/Other Business and change the Adjournment to Item 5. **The motion passed unanimously – 4 to zero.**

**2. Consent Agenda**

**a. Sewer Commissioners Minutes –April 28, 2014**

**Motion** by Dave Atherton/Devon Fuller to approve the Sewer Commissioners' minutes of April 28, 2014. **The motion passed unanimously – 4 to zero.**

**3. Fiscal**

**a) Warrant – May 15, 2014 – US Bank - Multiple Bond Payments - \$15,818.52**

**Motion** by Blaine Cliver/Devon Fuller to approve the Municipal bond payment of \$15,818.52 to US Bank. **The motion passed unanimously – 4 to zero.**

Sue Gage stated this bond payment is due each year and some of the series will be paid off during the next fiscal year. Ms. Gage provided the Select Board a document indicating they approve the warrant to submit to the bank.

#### 4. Old/Other Business

The wastewater treatment plant and infrastructure is in need of repair and the town is suffering from a lack of revenues. Mr. Swift would like to discuss how revenues can be raised. There is unused capacity and a suggestion was made to consider accepting septic pump-out, as this often gets trucked to Rutland or New York State and could be a way to generate more revenues. Robin Bennett stated rates would be discussed at the next meeting and she will investigate the possibility of accepting septic pump-outs. She is unsure whether this could be done, but it is worth considering. It is uncertain how much funds could be generated, but is an option that could be considered to assist building more revenues for the Wastewater Department. There is sizeable unused capacity and it would take a while to reach capacity. The biggest drawback is making sure the infrastructure is able to increase the capacity.

It was questioned what the status of the Middle Road repair was. Robin Bennett reported there is the possibility of short-term financing for repair. The repair needs to be done, but the town needs to come up with about \$30,000.00 to do the repair.

Maria Ammatuna requested the Town Manager provide, in addition to the proposed rates, a budget matrix and bids for the emergency repair for the next Sewer Commissioners' meeting.

#### 4. Adjournment

**Motion** by Devon Fuller/Dave Atherton to adjourn the Board of Sewer Commissioners' meeting at 7:15PM. **The motion passed unanimously - 4 to zero.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant  
Recording Secretary