

**Brandon Board of Sewer Commissioners
September 28, 2015**

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

In Attendance: Doug Bailey, Seth Hopkins, Ethan Swift, Tracy Wyman, Devon Fuller

Also in Attendance: Dave Atherton, Wayne Rausenberger, Kathy Rausenberger, Richard Baker, Bernie Carr, Lee Kahrs, Arlen Bloodworth, Chris Brickell, Janet Coolidge, Steve Bissette, Dick Kirby, Daryl Burlett, Jim Crawford, Bill Moore

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:37PM by Chair – Doug Bailey.

a) Agenda Adoption – Motion by Ethan Swift/Tracy Wyman to adopt the agenda as presented. **The motion passed unanimously – 4 to zero.**

2. Consent Agenda

a. Sewer Commissioners Minutes – August 10, 2015

Motion by Seth Hopkins/Devon Fuller to approve the Sewer Commissioners' minutes of August 10, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously – 4 to zero.**

3. Consider Recalculation of Sewer Charges for 18 Bridge Park

Dave Atherton reported he has met with the owners of this park, as well as a couple of the other parks. There has been discussion that there has been an issue with their billing and there have been some miscalculation in how the readings have been provided to the Town. After the meeting, Sue Gage revised the report to reflect what was actually taking place. Mr. Atherton requested the Select Board review the information and consider a motion to approve recalculation of the sewer charges. Mr. Atherton has met with the property owners twice and there was agreement with the solution. Mr. Atherton stated when a mobile home owner abandons a home, the town is unable to collect the fees, however; this park has also had issues with their billings.

Motion by Devon Fuller/Ethan Swift to approve the recalculation of sewer charges for 18 Bridge Park in the amount of \$1,168.18.

Dave Atherton stated the mobile homes in the parks are sold to the occupants. If the occupant leaves and does not pay the fees, the town cannot go after the mobile home park owner. The mobile home park owners have to file a notice of abandonment. Devon Fuller stated if the mobile home park owners know that

trailers are empty, they should be aware that the meters are still ticking. Seth Hopkins stated from the last Board of Abatement meeting, this is not a matter that is up to the Town Clerks, Sewer Commissioners or Town Managers and towns across the state have been advised that these have to be abated. Doug Bailey has had a conversation with Mr. Shaw and the legislators are looking at a new law, as there are other towns that are dealing with these types of issues. Mr. Atherton stated there is an issue with this park in that there is a main meter for the park and five other meters that are for the separate mobile homes. The sewer was being calculated from the main meter and in two of the mobile homes, there were no meters and the town could not obtain accurate numbers. There should not be sewer charges to the main meter and there were issues with the way that the meters were hooked up. The main meter had been installed to determine if there was a break to the main and this action is more of a housekeeping item that should have been done a while back. Mr. Atherton stated it would be good to bill from only one meter and there have been discussions with the mobile home park owners on how to collect these fees, however, there are issues with going after the occupants of the mobile homes. Devon Fuller wants the town to move this process forward and hopefully the state will move forward on changes as well. Doug Bailey suggested Mr. Atherton and he have further discussions with Mr. Shaw regarding the issues with the mobile home parks. Mr. Atherton stated the town is currently trying to legally collect what it can. Ethan Swift stated because the land ownership is with the park owners, there could be no lien on the individual mobile home owners. Mr. Atherton stated it is difficult to have only one sewer billing, when the fire district requires separate meters for the mobile homes.

The motion passed unanimously – 4 to zero.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Devon Fuller/Seth Hopkins to adjourn the Board of Sewer Commissioners' meeting at 7:50PM. **The motion passed unanimously – 4 to zero.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant
Recording Secretary