

**Brandon Board of Sewer Commissioners  
January 11, 2016**

**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, Richard Baker, Wayne Rausenberger, Chris Brickell

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:28PM by Chair – Doug Bailey.

**a) Agenda Adoption – Motion** by Devon Fuller/Tracy Wyman to adopt the agenda as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Consent Agenda**

**a. Sewer Commissioners Minutes – October 26, 2015**

**Motion** by Ethan Swift/Devon Fuller to approve the Sewer Commissioners' minutes of October 26, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Bond**

Dave Atherton stated there was also discussion during the budget process regarding the Champlain Street pump station that continues to fail. Daryl Burlett has been working with Aldridge and Elliot to address getting the pump station rebuilt. The cost for doing this pump station upgrade and sleeving the lines is \$680,000.00. Wayne Elliott contacted USDA to discuss bonding and grant possibilities and because Brandon is a high rate town for sewer fees, it has a good chance to get a match up to 45%. The percentage will not be known until there is an approved bond vote. This bond is a vote that can be voted by the entire voting population but is paid for by the user fees. Devon Fuller stated the sleeving of the lines is an important part of the repair as it will prevent the infiltration of water and will save the Town money. Seth Hopkins asked if part of the project is increasing the size of the line from the pump station. Dave Atherton stated it is not thought that this is needed. Doug Bailey stated the payment schedule is based on the total cost and the bond would be adjusted downward when a USDA match is received. Mr. Atherton stated this repair is something that the Town will either have to pay 100% another way, or go through the bonding process, as it is an issue that needs to be addressed.

**Motion** by Seth Hopkins/Devon Fuller to place before the voters on town meeting a bond not to exceed \$680,000.00 for a term of 20 years for the replacement of the Champlain Street pump station and sleeving the lines.

Ethan Swift stated in the event of a catastrophic failure it would cost the town a lot more money. It was noted the infiltration is happening at a rate of 12,000 additional gallons per day on average.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **4. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Devon Fuller/Seth Hopkins to adjourn the Board of Sewer Commissioners' meeting at 8:36PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant  
Recording Secretary