

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Nov 22, 2006

7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held in the Conference Room at the Civic Centre in New Minas on Wednesday, Nov 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Linda Lockhart, Chair, Water Commission
Les Barrett, Member, Water Commission
Dave Chaulk, Member, Water Commission
Bob Horne, Water Commission
Marvin Messom, Water Commission
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
Peter Pothier, Superintendent Public Works
Doug Seamone, Engineer
Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Chair Lockhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Robert Horne, seconded by Marvin Messom to approve the minutes of Oct 26, 2006 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by, Marvin Messom, seconded by Robert Horne to approve the agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Chair Lockhart took a moment to welcome Marvin Messom to his first water commission meeting.

**Business arising from
minutes**

**Source Water Protection
Plan Committee Applicants**

Chair Linda Lockhart informed the commission that two applications have been received from citizen members to join our Source Water Protection Plan Committee.

It was moved by, Marvin Messom, seconded by Dave Chaulk to accept Jack Bezanson and Christopher Shields as new members of the Source Water Protection Plan Committee. MOTION CARRIED

**Jerry's RV Development
Agreement**

Ben Sivak forwarded the additions requested by Doug Seamone (attached to original minutes) for the water commission to review. After some discussion it was agreed to accept the changes put forward in the Development Agreement.

It was moved by, Robert Horne, seconded by Marvin Messom to accept the changes made to the Development agreement for Jerry's RV as presented by Ben Sivak, Planner, Municipality of the county of Kings and have it forwarded to PAC for their consideration. 1 nay 4 yea MOTION CARRIED.

Update on water rate study: Doug Seamone informed the commission that Mr. Baker has the information. Terry Silver informed the commission that she would give Mr. Baker a time limited to get the study done.

Peter Pothier's Monthly Report: Peter Pothier presented his monthly report (attached to original minutes)

It was moved by, Les Barrett, seconded by Marvin Messom to accept the Superintendent's report as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Request from Village Commission to have Water Commission Deal with Sewer Issues

The Village Commission is requesting the Water Commission to deal with sewer issues on behalf of the Village. A discussion took place and it was decided that the Village Commission would be responsible for Budget issues and the Water Commission would be responsible for technical issues.

It was moved by, Marvin Messom, seconded by Les Barrett for the Water Commission to accept the responsibility for technical issues concerning sewer. MOTION CARRIED

With that motion being put forward Doug Seamone presented his report on the CBCL report on the Upgrade of Regional Sewage Treatment Plant and as well a report on Sewerage Treatment Alternatives. (Reports attached to original minutes)

Mr. Seamone informed the water commission that the Kings County had a study done on the regional sewer system and the cost to upgrade the system is 13.7 million dollars. He informed the commission that a lot of the problems are cause from grease blinding the screens. The commercial user on the system not pre treating their waste

and its flowing into the plant and blinding the screens. There needs to be a heavy fine to put on the abusers of this in order to control it.

Mr. Seamone also provided a report on Sewerage Treatment Alternatives for the Village and he reviewed this report with the water commission.

A discussion took place concerning the Regional Sewer Meetings and how we are represented at these meetings. Clerk Terry Silver and Engineer Doug Seamone attend these meetings, with Clerk Terry Silver having a vote. However, the Clerk indicated that an elected official should be appointed to vote at these meetings and after reviewing the Agreement, it was determined by the Regional Sewer Committee that it doesn't specify who would represent each member unit, but that the representative would have voting privileges.

It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by Marvin Messom to appoint Linda Lockhart Chair of the Water Commission to represent the Village of New Minas on the Regional Sewer Committee. MOTION CARRIED

Back to Water issues. Bob Horne asked the Engineer if we could drill more test wells in the Greenwich area and see if it is possible to acquire land to put another well in that area.

Doug Seamone informed him that the process has already been started and there is one test hole that is getting 200 gal a minute.

Linda informed the Water Commission that there would be no meeting held in December and we will resume January 24, 2006.

Adjournment:

Les Barrett moved for adjournment at 8:10 p.m.

Linda Lockhart, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Admin. Assistant