

# **Allenstown Sewer Commission**

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TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN Sewer Commission Public Hearing 35 Canal Street Allenstown, NH 03275 December 18, 2018

# **Call to Order**

The Allenstown Sewer Commission Public Hearing of December 18, 2018 was called to order by Chairman Carl Caporale at 6:05 p.m.

# **Roll Call**

Present on the Board: Carl Caporale, Chad Pelissier Absent: Jim Rodger

Others present: Jeff Backman, Superintendent; Michael Trainque, Hoyle Tanner & Associates

Members of the public present: Anne Roberts, Lisa Lemire, George Lemire, Kris Raymond

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Pelissier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Caporale stated that this is a Public Hearing held by the Allenstown Sewer Commission (ASC) at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at 35 Canal Street, Allenstown, NH starting at 6:05 pm. The ASC will take public comment on the Suncook Pond Pump Station Force Main and Gravity Sewer project, hereafter referred to as the 'Project.' The ASC will be determining the necessity or 'occasion' for taking of properties.

Mr. Trainque, Engineer, Hoyle Tanner & Associates, explained that his company has been retained to provide the design and implementation of the project described by Chairman Caporale. He said that there have been environmental concerns about infiltration of the Suncook River, as the pipes crossing to and from Pembroke are aging. Wastewater from Allenstown is using the capacity of Pembroke's system. This project has been on the CIP list for many years. Construction of a new wastewater crossing would connect the existing line to the new pump station via a forced main. The project includes replacing the existing sewer line on Library Street where the clay pipes are old and undersized. Gas, electric and water lines for the new pump station will run parallel to the new sewer line.

Mr. Trainque said that there are four private properties where the Commission will require temporary and permanent easements. Temporary easements are needed only during the construction period. Map 111, Lot 47. He presented an architectural rendering of the new pump station, which is designed to blend into the surrounding area.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. George Lemire, 40A Library Street, said that he has several questions. He said he anticipates building a garage next to his property and was told by the Building Inspector that there is no side setback requirement for the structure, and wants this clarified. He wants to know if the garage could be on the easement, up to the first underground pipe.

Mr. Trainque said that construction within the easement area would be an ASC policy decision, and that the Sewer Department needs to have access to the underground pipes.

Mr. Lemire said he is worried about the smell from the pump station.

Mr. Trainque responded that they have biological odor control systems, so that should not be a problem.

Ms. Lisa Lemire, 40A Library Street, stated that they do not want the project sited there. She said they want to help the ASC find another site. She asked if there was a plan B or C.

Mr. Trainque responded that other sites they looked at had technical challenges - construction difficulties which would add time and cost to the project.

Mr. Lemire asked about his daylight drain.

Mr. Trainque said that the daylight drain is shown on the drawings, and it that it may go down to a catch basin.

Ms. Lemire said they would like to have assurances in writing that any problems such as odor will be corrected.

Mr. Lemire said he is concerned about shrubs, which have long root systems, and it might be four or five years before the effects of the construction would cause the shrubs to die.

Mr. Trainque assured him that the contractor would be responsible if there were a problem.

Mr. Lemire asked about a possible head on this pipe and about the pump pressure.

Mr. Trainque said that it could pump 900 gallons per minute at full capacity, but on average would pump less than 200 gallons per minute.

Mr. Jeff Backman, Superintendent, assured the members of the public that they could be placed on the meeting agenda of the Allenstown Sewer Commission at any time. The ASC meets monthly. He offered his business card as well.

Ms. Anne Roberts, 36 Library Street, said that she is concerned about the safety of her three-year old daughter during the construction phase when the stockade fence would be temporarily removed.

Mr. Trainque said that a temporary safety fence would be installed, probably chain link, and he added that it would probably be for an approximate two-week period.

Mr. Lemire asked if there was a project plan.

Mr. Trainque said that it was an 'in progress' report.

Ms. Lemire said that her elderly parents live upstairs in their home and may need a garage, which is why they are contemplating building one.

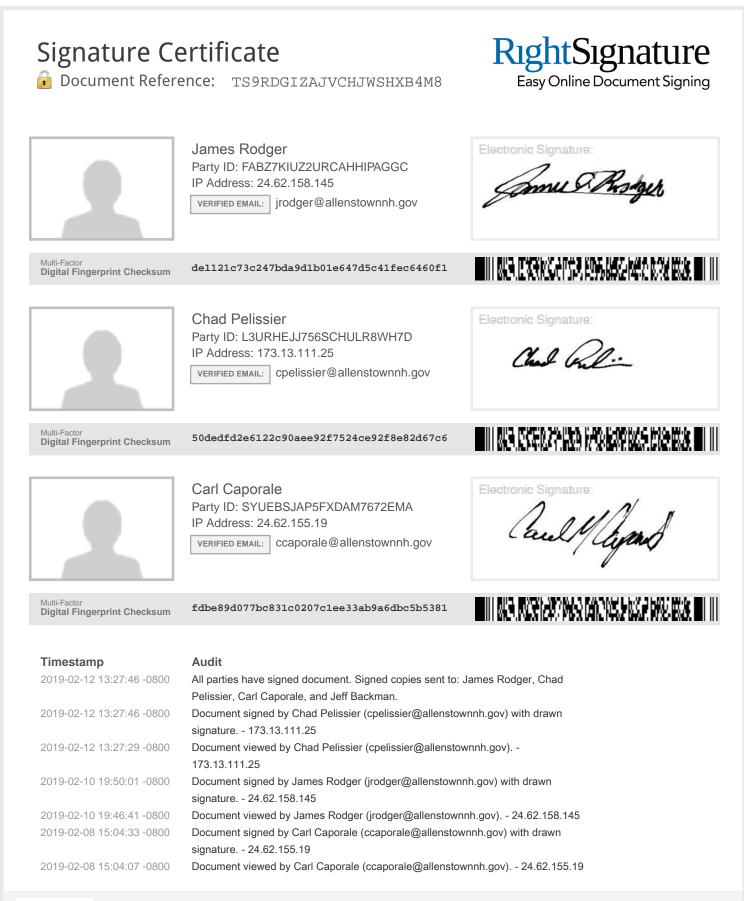
Chair Caporale closed the public hearing at 6:50 pm.

Mr. Pelissier made a motion to accept the resolution which would begin the process of taking, as amended by changing 'Jay' to 'Jeff' in the first paragraph. Chair Caporale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Pelissier, aye; Chair Caporale, aye.

### Adjournment

Mr. Pelissier made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Chair Caporale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Pelissier, aye; Chair Caporale, aye.

# Document Approval Allenstown Sewer Commission Carl Caporale, Chairperson Chad Pelissier, Commissioner James Rodger, Commissioner





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