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# TOWN OF ENFIELD

## Minutes

### **PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 5:15pm, Scitico Room of Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Chairman Hopkins.

1. Roll Call –Councilors Nick Hopkins; Mike Ludwick; Bob Cressotti; Donald Nunes, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu and Steve Bielenda.

2. The Approval of Minutes was made on a voice vote, 3-0.

#### 3. Facility Use Policy

-The Opera House Players have asked for an interpretation of the Facility Use Policy concerning their status as a non-profit based in town; and, as such whether they are exempt from paying rental and associated costs for their productions at the Annex. The sub-committee disagreed with their interpretation and stated that the productions should be considered a fundraiser, for which associated costs should be paid. PW Director Nunes noted that they are not charged when in the Annex for other activities or rehearsals since there is a custodian on second shift. They are not charged rental fees because they are local; but they are charged for associated custodial fees for shows. The motion to waive their fees failed 3-0.

-In light of the AV/technical weaknesses for rentals, the Sub-Committee recommends adding additional BOE and Town employees to the roster of available tech support people who could be trained on the equipment to support the rentals. These employees would receive stipends and be subject to a training protocol designed by the School. It was also recommended that there should be a training manual for the equipment. The Facilities Use Policy will be updated once this is in place. Councilor Ludwick suggested training students for these stipended positions. The motion was approved 3-0.

#### 4. Water Pollution Control processing and disposal facility concern

Donald gave an overview of the current market conditions concerning the disposal of grit and cake. ESI has a site in Western Mass and the costs are approximately \$6 million. The cake is still being processed by MDC – the cost of the July 1 – November 30 processing was \$158,000. Chairman Hopkins asked to be updated as this evolves so we could avoid budget surprises.

#### 5. Enfield Housing Authority Transfer Station Fees

- The Legal Opinion from Attorney Cerrato was referenced as to the responsibilities of the Town as it relates to the provision of services to the EHA. The sub-committee agreed that the EHA should be informed that they are being asked to obtain a Transfer Station permit for their usage of the facility and disposal of their materials as of July 1, 2023 and asked Donald to do a review of usage so they can determine a threshold/deductible to be waived.



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On a second matter, the sub-committee agreed to recommend dumpsters to replace barrels. A compromise would also be to offer pick-up more than once a week if necessary, effective July 1, 2023. The motion was approved 3-0.

The sub-committee voted to begin charging for the EHA concerning the disposal of all appliances as of July 1, 2023.

### 6. Muddy Foot Farm Brewery – Sewer Use Fees

-The Town Manager updated the sub-committee that the sewer connection waiver has been finalized. The remaining issue is how the Farm will be charged for sewer usage fees due to the new state law is on the books concerning farm breweries. Mr. Mastroberti has been supplied with a copy of the Town Attorney opinion and the information we need in order to make a determination, which is complicated by the fact that the property is on a well. The PW Director and WPC Supervisor have received technical information from the engineer as to proposed occupancy and use. The Town Manager will update the sub-committee once the information is received.

7. Any Other Business – the motion was made to bring two additional items on the table. It was approved on a 3-0 voice vote.

a) Regular Meeting Schedule – Third Tuesdays at 5:15pm were approved on a 3-0 voice vote.

b) Motor Oil Collection – The PW Director will investigate whether there are stores that are taking the oil as required by law. The sub-committee will then decide whether to pursue a collection event with more stringent parameters with testing of materials prior to acceptance of materials.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ellen Zoppo-Sassu