
Town of Portland Water and Sewer Commission

January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting

Buck Foreman Community Center – Second Floor

265 Main Street, Portland, CT

Members Present: Rick Sharr, Jim Nursick, Dave Kuzminski, Jim McCabe

Absent: Dick Cote

Also Present: Mike Lastrina, Acting Public Works Director; Jim Tripp, BOS Liaison; Devon Arce, Revenue Collection Assistant, Water and Sewer Department; Rick Sharr, Outgoing Water & Sewer Commission Chair

1. Call to Order

Jim McCabe called the meeting to order at 7 03 p.m. in the Buck Foreman Community Center.

2. Approve Agenda

Jim McCabe called for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jim Nursick, seconded by Dave Kuzminski. Vote unanimous, agenda approved

3. Approve Minutes of December 16, 2024, Meeting

Jim McCabe called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024, special meeting. A motion was made by Dave Kuzminski, seconded by Jim McCabe to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024, meeting. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

4. Election of a New Chairperson: Jim Mc Cabe opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Jim Nursick nominated Jim McCabe for Chair, seconded by Dave Kuzminski. Vote unanimous, Jim McCabe was named chair.

5. Correspondence and Communication: None

6. Report from Director

Acting Public Works Director Mike Lastrina provided a copy of correspondence from Wanda McGarry, Kovacs Construction Corporation, dated January 10, 2025, to Jim Lynch, Supervisor of the Waste Treatment Facility. The correspondence indicated that they are waiting for the control panel, which is being tested and is expected to arrive by the end of next week. Also outstanding are the exhaust fan and the sump pump.

There is an active leak on 573 Main Street which is being addressed.

There was also a leak on Taylor Drive which has been repaired.

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7. Old Business

a. Development of an Alternate Water Source: Dave Kuzminski provided an update, with photos, of the drilling activity. The drilling work, which is being performed by Ziegenfuss Drilling, Inc. (a subcontractor of Sima Drilling), has reached a depth of 130 feet. A depth of 328 feet will be required. It is estimated the drilling work will be done by the end of the week.

b. Maintenance:

i. Water System

- The well was not run in December. The total received from MDC for December was 16,339,312 gallons (\$85,509.52). The remaining balance is 1,686,54 gallons, which will result in the town having to pay another minimum charge.
- The total for 2024 was 144,313,059 gallons (\$757,896.92). The well usage for 2024 was 84,614,000 gallons.

ii. Sewer System:

7. Old Business (continued)

c. Meter Updates, Budget Rates: Approximately 900 meters (40%) remain to be updated.

8. Committee Reports/General Discussion: None

9. Public Comment:

10. Adjournment

Dave Kuzminski made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Jon D'Arpino
Board Clerk