

Sewer Plant Updates, April 21, 2020

- 1) Olver Engineering continues their Climate Adaptation Study for the sewer plant. They were shooting pump station elevations today. With Olver's help, we are applying for a \$20,000 loan from Maine Municipal Bond Bank to cover the Climate study. The Grant we received for the study is \$20,000 in principal forgiveness. The unusual process dictates that money must be borrowed and paid for the study before it can be forgiven. We are following that process.
- 2) When normalcy from Covid-19 is restored, the Water District will change out the first eight defective flow meters on sewer only customers. Twenty more will be changed out in the new fiscal year.
- 3) The military generator we have, has been moved to Pump Station #1 on Route 1. The proper power cable will be installed on it Wednesday, April 22, and the unit will be tested for proper function and rotation under load. We will be pleased to have permanent backup power at our most important pump station.
- 4) The draft of the sewer plant's new discharge permit has arrived. We were granted a 1-year delay in the start of year round disinfection requirement.
- 5) Impact fee invoices are starting to be mailed out. Included are a new sewer hookup at a residence at 43 Pinewood Drive (\$2,325.60) and Bath Ale Works brewery (\$7,506.52).
- 6) Chuck Applebee is requesting permission to bring Wiscasset septage to the sewer plant. Rob Lalli asks management and the Select Board to consider this. The Select Board and Town Manager will decide. At our current rate of \$.13/gallon, a 2,000 gallon delivery would pay \$260.00. Rob has no problem with it as long as it is Wiscasset resident septage only, with no more than 3,000 gallons on any delivery and no more than 2 deliveries in any given week. Chuck says he would gladly conform to such restrictions and will do so in writing. Should the Board give approval, an agreement letter

will be drafted, listing the above conditions which must be obeyed. Of note: Sewer plant employees now check the pH of every septage delivery, as part of enhanced monitoring. The pH must be between 6 and 9.5.

7) I indeed continue to wish for money for generators at our pump stations.

Respectfully, Rob Lalli



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To: All Town Employees

From: Board of Selectmen

RE: Appreciation for Your Efforts in These Trying Times

Date: April 22, 2020

The Board of Selectmen at their Selectmen's Meeting last night April 21st (via teleconference) made a motion to thank all town employees for their continuing efforts to serve the people of Wiscasset in these trying times.

They highlighted their awareness, and appreciation, for all your efforts as you work directly in the "front lines", or in essential support roles. This is not easy during these uncertain times but let us hope that this state of affairs does not continue for too long.

Please continue to do your best, and remember that your efforts are sincerely appreciated by the Board, and the Inhabitants of Wiscasset.

Signed

J.W. O'Connell/

On behalf of

Wiscasset Board of Selectmen