Committee members present: Chairman David Crofoot, Richard Brockway, Gordon Fuller, Michael Lannan. Absent: Judy Metcalf
Also Richard McElhaney (Superintendent), Bill Paige (Operator), Mandy

The Minutes of the May 10, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Superintendent’s Report:

There were no flow violations in April or May. With the start-up of the chlorination season, there were two positive fecal coliform tests in May (and two more in June)

In response to positive fecal coliform tests, the concentrations of chlorine were increased 3-4 fold and the sampling tubing was again thoroughly flushed and disinfected, however positive tests have persisted in the face of killing chlorine consultations. The situation was discussed with Denise Behr of the DEP on May 14. The possibility of laboratory error will be explored by sending duplicate samples for testing by both membrane filtration and by Colilert testing. The Utility will receive a notice of violation from the DEP.

Since Stevens Electric was unable to install the tablet feeder for dechlorination on schedule before the start-up of the disinfection season in May, our operator initially tried using calcium thiosulfate as a dechlorinating agent but could not achieve adequate contact time. He is now using Sodium Sulfite tablets lowered into the dechlorination tank. Current plan is for Stevens Electric to install the tablet feeder as soon as the parts are available, even if this takes place in the middle of the summer. This may require sealing off an area around the tanks for the two days required for installation.

The first two deadlines on the Compliance Schedule imposed by Consent Decree for year round decontamination have been met (Engineering study of Disinfection and Dechlorination options, Engineering study to identify potential designs and locations for a new physical plant). The next deadline is October 31, 2019 when a preliminary design and location for the new physical plant must be selected.

In accordance with the views expressed at the May meeting, the consensus of the Utilities Committee is that the new plant should be an expansion of the current plant at the same site at the foot of Ruggles Park.

Crofoot moved that the Utilities Committee recommend this construction, envisioning a 12 x 14 foot structure with full standing room, insulation, heating, ventilation, room for chemical storage and delivery, housing of pumps, monitoring devices, and back-up power. The building should be sited at a higher level on a
water resistant base to minimize the risks of storm damage. The appearance of the
building should harmonize with other cottage style buildings in Ruggles Park.
In discussion, concern was expressed about the need for reinforcement of the
existing rip-rap south of the wharf to provide adequate protection to the buried
tanks and to the treatment building. While raising the building 2-4 feet on a solid
cement base will provide some protection from an extraordinary storm surge, one
committee member felt that the motion should have included a requirement for
reinforcement of the south shore rip-rap.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 opposed.

Minority report: Mr. Lannon explained his negative vote by saying that he was in
agreement with the consensus for building location but felt the south shore rip-rap
should have been part of the motion.

Crofoot then moved that the Utilities Committee recommend reinforcement of the
south shore rip-rap by the Village as a necessary pre-requisite for construction of
the treatment plant.

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

It was recommended that a Public Hearing be held between July 4 and our next
meeting on July 19 to inform the public of new requirements of our wastewater
license and plans for construction of a facility capable of year round
chlorination/dechlorination. This is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 13 at 4
pm.

Water Department

The Cobe Road Water Main replacement by Farley Brothers will take place in
September.

A third fire hydrant (following those at the corner of Park Row and Broadway and in
Merithew Square) will be installed at about 763 Shore Road in the next week or so.

Bill Paige noted that the Town of Northport plans to repave Shore Road from the
Community Hall southward with a 1.5 inch skim coat overlay. This will require
building up the manhole sites for water and sewer along the roadway.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.