

**Utility Advisory Board
October 15, 2019 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn Libby, Chairman

Joe Boudreau

Eli Barnes

Ralph Sanders

Brett Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT

Lisa Clark, Utility Billing Office Supervisor

Peter Bruckner – 9 Wilson St

MINUTES

1. Call to order:

Chairman Libby called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of September 9, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the September 9, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Appeals –

3.1 9 Farmington Rd – MIB LLC

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal was for excess sewer usage due to a leak in a pipe going into the ground. The leak was repaired.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to abate 267 units of sewer at \$1,802.25 on the August and September 2019 invoices plus any accrued interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreau. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 9 Wilson St – Peter Bruckner

The appellant was present for the meeting. The appeal is for above average water and sewer usage due to a running toilet. The homeowner explained that while he was away on vacation, the meter report showed constant usage. He did have to jiggle the handle on his toilet and usage has been back to normal. Chairman Libby confirmed that he is aware of the once in ten year policy. Mr. Bruckner stated he is and would like to use it.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to abate 57 units of water at \$316.35 and 57 units of

sewer at \$384.75 for a total abatement of \$701.10 on the September 2019 invoice plus any accrued interest. The motion stated the decision letter and account will note that this is a once in ten year abatement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3 13 Blair – Joseph & Louise Pirrotta

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for above average usage due to a faulty sewer deduct meter. The meter has been replaced.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to abate 17 units of sewer at \$114.75 on the August 2019 invoice plus any accrued interest. The motion was seconded by Chairman Libby. The motion passed unanimously.

3.4 29 Blair Dr – Diane Linnell

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for above average sewer usage due to a faulty sewer deduct meter. The meter has been replaced.

Chairman Libby made a motion to abate 26 units of sewer at \$175.50 on the August 2019 invoice plus any accrued interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreau. The motion passed unanimously.

3.5 10 Harding St – Justin Metcalf

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for above average sewer usage due to a hydro-seeded lawn.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to abate 55 units of sewer on the August 2019 invoice plus any accrued interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

3.6 38 Blair Dr – Brian & Donna Leavitt

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for above average sewer usage due to a faulty sewer deduct meter. The meter has been replaced.

Mr. Boudreau made a motion to abate 22 units of sewer at \$148.50 on the August 2019 invoice plus any accrued interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

3.7 91 Fillmore Blvd – David Kinziger

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for above average sewer usage due to new grass being seeded and watered.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to abate 83 units of sewer at \$560.25 on the August 2019 invoiced amount and any above average sewer on the November 2019 invoice plus any accrued interest. Mr. Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.8 32 Murray Dr – Lise-Marie Zanghetti

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for above average sewer usage due to watering outdoor gardens and new grass.

Chairman Libby made a motion to abate 21 units of sewer at 141.75 plus any accrued interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment:

Chairman Libby made a motion to adjourn at 6:00PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreau. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Bonneau, Utility Billing Administrator