

TOWN OF DRESDEN SEWER DISTRICT #1 COMMITTEE March 2025 MEETING

Meeting note: The call-in number is (605) 313-5692 and 7857820 is the access code.

Attendees: Marc Brown, Allen Wilbur, Charles Tall, Suzy Shad, William Borden, Matt Fuller, Marilyn Borden, Christine Diekel, Kevin Davidow, George Kapusinski*, Patrick Keenan*, Mary LaBrie*
*via phone

Meeting began at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sewer General

1. Sewer update – any maintenance or issues, items to be aware of
 - a. Bill Borden reports the pump-outs have been regular of the southeast station near Foster Brook. \$400 per pumpout. Bill is looking to get the carryovers “turned on” for regular operation as soon as the freeze risk is over. Possibly this week.
 - b. Reports for all outfalls in SD#1 will be logged **year round** now per DEC. Previously they had only been filed May-October. This is because we experience discharge to the system all year long. Flow is calculated by pump run time hours.
2. Balance Sheet, P&L sheet, expenses
 - a. Charlie Tall reports about \$48k is in the bank for SD#1. No atypical expenses at this point.
 - b. District users should expect sewer charges to be mailed about June. There should only be one bill mailed for each applicable unit. This mailing will include a briefer on the new sewer lateral application process (local review process of how a building project impacts the Huletts system)
3. Succession Plan – job description, SOP, GPS points
 - a. Suzy captured initial GPS points of the system earlier today but will need to circle back with Bill to appropriately label them all.
 - b. Job description and SOP are still outstanding, no rush on this
4. Sewer Lateral Application
 - a. No uses yet.
 - b. We may use the local homeowners associations mailing lists to send out a briefer on the new sewer lateral application process
5. Future project update: “Huletts Landing Wastewater System - Infiltration Beds Evaluation Project”
 - a. Still looking to pursue this project.
6. Fairy Brook Report
7. The LGA and the LG Waterkeeper made a report of Fairy Brook water quality monitoring they conducted over the course of 32 months. Chris Navitsky presented the report at the March 2025 Town Board meeting. See Town Board meeting minutes for information on the presentation. Report was conducted as a result of suggestions made at the LGA Bay by Bay meeting a few years ago. The report is a composition of a private organization, not produced by a state regulatory agency. Infrastructure closest to Fairy Brook is SD#2, not SD#1. The mislabeling of sewer districts in the report has been brought to the attention of Chris Navitsky by Suzy Shad in an informal manner (verbal conversation). It is the intent of this group (Sewer Committee) to be good stewards of our community and its resources –

which is exactly why we are working to be proactive. Wildlife contributions to e.coli and the contributions of human originating phosphate and nitrogen laden lawn clippings and other refuse may contribute to elevated reads in certain areas.

Sewer District #1 Engineering Study

1. Final draft of EPG
 - a. LaBella has been asked to revisit their final draft to comply with the Engineering Report Outline from EFC. The ERO is available online from EFC. It will then be resubmitted to EFC. (Engineering Facilities Corp)

Sewer District #1 Sewer Line Burial Project

1. 90% drawings
 - a. Patrick Keenan to talk to Tom Bates about the manhole. Bill Borden is neutral to the manhole – if it's an engineering best practice to keep it and may prevent future problems, then we'll keep it, otherwise, it can be removed from the plans. PK to circle back to TB.
2. Updated cost with directional drilling
 - a. We should be receiving this after finalization of the 90% drawings.
 - b. Restoration of ground cover on affected people's property should be included in the plans.
3. Permitting status
 - a. TB reported to Suzy and Charlie that permitting may be less onerous if DEC views this as more of a maintenance project than a restructuring of the system.
4. Funding pathways
 - a. LGA gave a verbal commitment of \$20k to support the project.
 - b. May 30th is the cutoff for SRF funds if we want to apply to that
 - c. LGPC is involved with Charlie Tall and Suzy Shad to look for other funding avenues

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm