

Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board  
March 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Newton Utility Advisory Board was held on March 18, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. The meeting was called to order and the following members were present: Chairman Vrahnos, Mr. Terantino, Mr. Schlaffer, Mr. Carchia and Mr. Imhof. Mr. David Simmons, Engineer, Mr. Mike Awertschenko, licensed water operator, and Mrs. Jacki Shackleton, Utility Collector, were present. Also, a member of the public, Syrene, was present and declined to give any further information.

The first order of business was for approval of the February 18, 2025, minutes. Mr. Carchia motioned to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Schlaffer. The minutes were unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The first order of new business was for Eleanor Miller who was requesting waiver of excess sewer charges due to a leak. After a brief discussion, it was decided that just like in past practices, the excess sewer would be waived. Mr. Carchia motioned to approve the decision and was seconded by Mr. Schlaffer. The motion was unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The next order of business was for Justin Sierra who had the same request as Ms. Miller. Again, Mr. Carchia motioned to approve the request and was seconded by Mr. Schlaffer. The motion was unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

Under old business regarding the water filtration plant, Mr. Awertschenko reported that they are almost done overhauling the chemical rooms and the plant upgrade. Regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mrs. Shackleton reported on behalf of Mr. White that they started working on one RBC2B and that the rest of the parts needed for RBC1D should be here by the end of the month. Everything else is status quo.

In his engineer's report, Mr. Simmons said that the water department started new lines on Mason Avenue prior to the winter and resumed work on Monday. Once Mason Avenue is completed, they will begin on the side streets. After that

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they will begin New Hampshire Street, up from Diller Avenue. They will need to temporarily have pipe above ground, therefore needing warmer temperatures to proceed. Mr. Simmons stated that work on the Morris Lake Gatehouse continues and they are working on digging out paperwork concerning lead service lines. He stated that there is a subdivision going before the Planning Board for property near the old County Seat restaurant. They are looking to construct apartments and will be coming before the Utility Advisory Board for approval in the future.

There being no further matters to discuss, Mr. Carchia motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Schlaffer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jacki Shackleton