

NVC Utilities Committee
Trustee Meeting
Community Hall and by Zoom link
Friday, June 9, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Casey Brown (by Zoom), Jeffrey Wilt, Judy Metcalf (by Zoom),
Staff: Chuck Applebee, Bill Paige, Trish Parker
NVC Officials: Janae Novotny

Trustees Absent: Brady Brim-Deforest, David Crofoot

The May meeting of the NVC Utilities Trustees convened at 1:00. Utilities chair, Jeffrey Wilt called the meeting to order.

Community Member Comments:

Rachel Rosa expressed concern over the Trustees' willingness to consider alternative billing protocols for wastewater. She believes a more equitable process exist, especially when considering the increased number of year-round costumers. She would like the Trustees to devote time at an upcoming meeting to discuss billing protocols. Rachel also expressed frustration that most recent minutes have not been posted.

Approval of minutes: Judy Metcalf moved (seconded Casey Brown) approval of minutes of May 12, 2023 minutes. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Superintendent Report: Chuck reported:

- **No exceedances in May.**
- BOD numbers were down in May, the outcome of running 3 trains. This is good news, but we need more data—at least data through the summer season. This will impact decision making on the moratorium.
- All 3 trains will be pumped-out on June 23, 2023.
- Flow totalizer is now working. We are awaiting delivery of a back-up unit.
- There is a plan to adjust the current dechlorination tablet feeder unit to improve how it functions. We may avoid purchasing a new unit.
- Tidal-valve to block saltwater incursion is necessary. This is a must have.

We have received a grant offer from the State of Maine in response to our March application. Grant funding to include:

- \$20,000 for fiscal sustainability planning (requires a \$20,000 match (may include staff time)).
- \$25,000 for climate adaptation planning (no match required).

Authorize Superintendent to sign grant agreement with State of Maine: Judy Metcalf moved (seconded Casey Brown). The motion was unanimously adopted.

Water System – the chart reader (measurers water flow) is not working. Chuck will research the replacement cost.

Financial Update:

There are no financial reports for May 2023.

Jeffrey reviewed the Overseers' budget process. The proposed 2024 budget include increases which will impact the Utilities budgets. We will start the budget building process in July.

Other:

- Utilities Doughnuts & Dialogue – August 12, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – topics to include:
 - Introduce Chuck
 - Written statement on our system, how it works, costs
 - Moratorium
 - We do this to keep the bay clean!

- Discussion of equitable billing protocol – scheduled for August meeting.

The next meeting of the Trustees is **July 7, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**, Community Hall and on-line (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961508196?pwd=ekpzTlIZcml3cnJEZmlHRmlwR3ZSZz09>)

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Wilt, Chairman