

**VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT
APRIL 14, 2010 – MINUTES
6:30 P.M.**

Attended by: Chair Steven Theborge, Trustees Esther Bushway and Gary Brown, and Supt. Gary Brooks.

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – Steve called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- 2) Consider Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2010 – Esther moved to accept the minutes of March 10, 2010 as written; Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes.
- 3) Review Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.
- 4) Delinquent List – a) Randy Bacon’s mortgage company paid a bulk of his owed bill and we were able to release three liens. They said they will pay the remaining balance before May 1. Trafton and Shorey have had their houses foreclosed on, and Shorey called me to say that he has declared bankruptcy. We have not gotten a bankruptcy notice, but he gave me his lawyer’s name. Patricia Bastey sent a letter stating that she would send an extra \$100 with each new bill to clear up the old balance. We were notified in December that the Henderson bill was going to be paid by the estate, but we still have not received anything. b) Stucco is plugging away, keeping one bill paid in full and this was down relatively low. Liens just went out on all four Crowe properties this month. c) Still no word from Chase despite our repeated responses for their requests for invoices, W-9 forms, etc. We are still plugging away at Barrett. Higgins just made a payment ahead of us having to send a foreclosure notice. Joyce asked about entering into a payment agreement of \$150.00 a month but we did not receive a first payment in March. If we do not get a payment this month, I will resume filing Notices and Liens. d) Jeannine Dye owns a mobile home at 1059 Main Street. She has not made a payment since May 2008. She also is not paying her taxes, and the Town filed a lien on her on August 3, 2009. Our first lien will expire on June 9. After some discussion, the Trustees decided to have Tammy do a UCC search to see if there is any lender attached to this mobile home, and to send a letter prior to sending the official foreclosure notification. e) After many false starts, the Greystone Mobile Home Park is supposed to close this week.
- 5) Hosting FLUSH Meeting – Tammy belongs to a group of local water and wastewater administrative people that meet three times a year to discuss various issues. The group is called FLUSH, which is an acronym for Forum for Local Utility Support and Help. These meetings take place at the Bangor Water District, though different districts take turns “hosting” and providing lunch. Most of the meetings tend to revolve around water districts, since their work with the PUC has a lot more rules and regulations. In an effort to give wastewater some equal time, we decided a while ago that this May’s meeting would be a wastewater primer. At the last meeting, Tammy offered a tour of our District as part of the meeting. We will be hosting lunch here as well.
- 6) ’10 – ’11 Budget Draft – There were not enough changes to warrant printing new copies, so Supt. Brooks only distributed a new bond payment sheet. Reduced costs were

discussed, and the new budget should be about the same as last year. To save electricity, we have kept the blowers turned down. Steve asked if the budget will be voted on next month, and Supt. Brooks said yes.

- 7) Superintendent's Report – a) We had no violations for March and no issues with the County Road pump station despite the rain. Supt. Brooks was prepared to be called in during the big rainstorm but was not. b) The Trustees received a letter for the town report, and Supt. Brooks asked for comment on it. Esther made some suggestions. c) Supt. Brooks was at the school and checked on the bulbs purchased with our donation to the Veazie Garden Club in memory of Mary Silver. He reported that they look good, although the tree accompanying them did not do as well over the winter. d) Travis had our zero-radius eX-Mark mower apart to fix it up before the mowing season starts. It looks almost brand new now. e) Supt. Brooks offered our backhoe and labor to the town's public works department if they need help while they are shorthanded. f) We have an employee who will be out for about a month after having surgery at the end of April. g) We had a sewer service issue on Lemon Street. Supt. Brooks and Travis noticed Roto-Rooter there and offered to help. We couldn't get the camera or the snake around the clean-out. After some backhoe work provided by the homeowner's friend, we found a broken pipe full of mud. Supt. Brooks supplied two couplings and some PVC pipe necessary for the repair and will bill the homeowner. Esther asked if the cause was the age of the pipes, and Supt. Brooks said that the pipes were right under where the homeowners have driven their vehicles since the pipes were installed in the 1950s or 1960s. Supt. Brooks added that he is surprised the pipes lasted this long. Steve asked if the problem was fixed, and Supt. Brooks said it was. h) The plant will be shut down on Friday, April 23 so the entire staff can attend the Maine WasteWater Control Association Spring Conference.
- 8) Other Business – Esther asked if we will ever hear from the DEP regarding our reply to their letter of warning, and Supt. Brooks said that we might not.
- 9) Adjournment – Esther moved to adjourn, Gary seconded. Vote 3-0, passes at 7:18.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 12, 2010 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes approved May 12, 2010, by a vote of 3-0.

Gary Brown, Secretary. 5/12/10