

Sewer Committee Monthly Construction Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2022

Attendees:

Drew Hamelink

Dick Doyle - absent

Jim DiPasquale

Wes DeVoe

Kelly Jasinski – Town Council liaison

Ed Hernandez – Adirondack Mountain Engineering (AME)

A meeting was held at 10:00 am on November 17 by the Town of Ballston Clean Water Committee (a.k.a. sewer committee).

There are two payment requests this month. The committee has reviewed them and approves payment to contracts #1 and #5. There is a payment request from AME for their services for the previous month. This has been reviewed and found to be appropriate and the voucher has been signed and submitted to the Comptroller.

Ed Hernandez, Adirondack Mountain Engineering (AME) gave an overview of the status of the project.

- Contract #1 – National Grid has signed the easement allowing the project to construct the small section of sewer line on their property. The easement is in the process of filing with the County.

There is approximately 400 feet of pipe remaining to complete the gravity section. Next week the drill under 146A near the Veteran's Park will be done. Then the pipe north to the base of Lakehill Road will be installed. Finally, the work on the National Grid easement area will be done.

During construction it was determined that the town water system was not located where it was supposed to be near the residence across from the base of Lakehill Road. A change order was prepared and approved by the Town Board to relocate the water line to eliminate the conflict with the path of the sewer. This work has been completed.

The engineer is still working with EFC toward getting approval for repaving in the Buell Heights area.

The pump station will be tested the week after Thanksgiving.

Activation of the West side system is still anticipated for Spring of next year.

- Contract 3 – The contractor is planning to work on Lazur Road remediation tomorrow, doing the work that had previously been negotiated with AME. Any additional work will need to be approved by the Town Board and then approved by EFC (Environmental Facilities Corp).

The committee suggested adding stone or otherwise grading the area in front of the mailboxes so that water leaking from the telephone pole area stays away from the mailboxes to eliminate the potential for ice in the near future. The engineer agreed to ask the contractor to do this.

Residents have expressed concern about water coming out at the base of the telephone pole at the end of Lazur, near the mailboxes. The water appears to be coming out of the telephone conduit under pressure so it is assumed that it must be entering the conduit further uphill. The sewer project has no knowledge of where the phone company has conduit and by law only the phone company is allowed to touch the conduit.

- Contract 4 – The contractor refused to correct the small leaks in gaskets in a manhole that were not an issue during operation but appeared under high pressure test. The repair work was done by the County, and they have now reopened the system for new connections.