

**UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2008**

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council Members Harrison C. Bristoll, Jr. Gibson Anthony, Mauritz Stetson and Mabel Mumford-Pautz, Robert Sipes, Utilities Manager, Jennifer Mulligan, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2008. **Mr. Bristoll moved to approve the minutes as submitted, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$488, 022.29.

Mr. Sipes stated that the wastewater plant was undergoing performance testing to determine whether or not each piece of process equipment was performing as it was designed to do, as was necessary for permit renewals. He said that a report would be forwarded to the Town.

Mayor Bailey stated that Ordinance 5-2008 would be introduced at the Mayor and Council meeting, but thought that it should be discussed at the Utilities Commission Meeting. Mr. Ingersoll stated that this ordinance was basically a sprinkler ordinance to simplify the rate schedule. It set the fee as a multiplier of .2 for each unit of equivalency. Mr. Ingersoll stated that this Ordinance would also be helpful in the future if the Town required sprinklers in new single family residences.

Mr. Sipes stated that sprinklering was mandated for three or more units in townhouses. He said that the sprinklers were an allocation (water had to be available) but it was also an equipment cost. He said that he would upsize from a residential meter to a 1" meter and the associated equipment, plus capacity, would increase. He said that this was what the sprinklering fee would cover.

Mr. Anthony asked if these fees would be calculated into the water that would be necessary for the proposed buildout. Mr. Gatto stated that it would be important to build it into the storage element.

Mr. Sipes stated that there was a national average on how much water was necessary to combat a fire in a single-family dwelling, which was upwards of 50-75,000 gallons. Mr. Sipes stated that the storage capacity should be in line with the national averages.

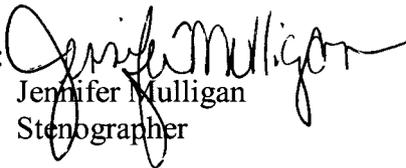
Mr. Ingersoll stated that if a home was sprinklered there was a major reduction in the homeowner's insurance on that property, and in the amount of water needed to stop a fire. It could save lives and begin fighting the fire well in advance of a fire company arrival.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz asked if there were any estimates on the cost of installation in a new home. Mr. Sipes stated that the cost for increasing the meter was probably \$40.00 to \$50.00 to go from a five-eighths by three-quarter meter to a one inch meter. He said that a one inch meter would be necessary because of the volume that could get through, noting that 40-gallons of water per minutes was necessary. Mr. Sipes stated that he did not know what the cost of the additional plumbing would be for a single-family home, but there was the cost of the sprinkler heads through the house.

There being no further business, **Mr. Bristoll moved for payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Bristoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:

  
Jennifer Mulligan  
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey  
Mayor