

Town of Essex  
Department of Public Works

January 8, 2024

Present – John Filias                      Westley Burnham  
                 Mike Galli

Lead replacement –

EPA and DEP are requiring all cities and towns to perform a lead and copper water service survey. Because we are a small community we are eligible for a grant through the state. Weston and Sampson is an approved contractor for this grant. M. Galli has reached out the Weston and Sampson to begin the process of this inventory survey. Our lead levels are very low and only have small sections of lead called pig tails. When sewer came through all water services that the sewer line was going to cross were all redone, which eliminated many of those pigtails. M. Galli will update the board as needed.

Causeway lighting project –

There will be an issue getting the sidewalk plow around the poles along the causeway when the new light poles go up. M. Galli has informed the selectmen and BZ how much room will be needed. The DPW board will like to draft a letter to the selectmen to ask them to keep the DPW informed of any project that will affect any aspect of DPW operations.

Compactor pad –

The pad is done. There is some site work that needs to be around the area. M. Galli would like to get the area compacted. P. Wright will be in to screen the compost pile and grade and level the area. Once everything is completed we will reach out to the compactor company to schedule the install.

Water plant updates –

Temporary lines for the chemicals have been run. Alum tank is empty and they are needed to chip out 8" of sedimentation on the bottom of the tank. Waterline Industries contractors are working with the water operators to make sure there are no interruptions in the water service and quality.

Personnel –

Highway equipment operator candidate, has a hoisting license. After his interview he went to the barn to meet the guys and look around. He was told multiple times about the CDL license process, and how he has a year to obtain it. M. Galli has a good feeling about this candidate. He will need to pass the physical, drug test and CORI check. M. Galli will update the board as needed.

Chief Operator –

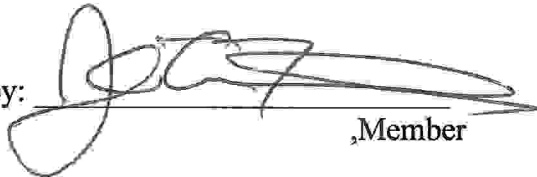
We applied to the state for a Temporary Emergency Certification for both Jason and John and we were approved. That will be for 6 months then we will need to apply for a conditional permit for an additional 6 months. That will allow us to run the plant even though Jason and John have operator in training licenses. M. Galli will update the board as needed.

Storm updates –

The All-wheel drive truck slid off the road 2 times and needed to be towed out by Tally's. On issue is the tires on the truck need to be narrower. M. Galli will be purchasing new tires and rims for the truck that will be better in the snow. M. Galli will update the board if needed.

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