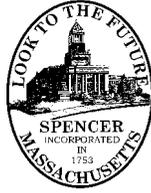


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**Minutes of Meeting held October 17, 2016**

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA. (Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)

**Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen regarding NPDES update**

Members present: Francis "Frank" White  
Lawrence "Larry" Dufault

Present: Board of Selectmen  
Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator

Sewer staff present: James Laplante, Jr., Supt.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Mr. LaPlante reported that a new permit was applied for with NPDES in 2012 and they are awaiting approval. It may be late winter before a new permit is issued and this delay is not uncommon. In the meantime, the current permit remains in effect; therefore the Spencer Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is in full compliance with the WWT plan. This is contrary to an article in the Telegram & Gazette saying it was noncompliant.

Mr. White noted that multiple upgrades to the Plant have occurred from 1986 through the present.

Mr. Dufault said new permit requirements will be stricter than the existing ones due to new regulations which will ultimately result in an increase to rate payers.

A concern was raised with multiple septic systems emptying into lakes and ponds.

The Commissioners will meet with DEP on October 18<sup>th</sup> and will discuss the growth factor for additional users in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm. All were in favor.