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People

Long term employee **Linda Cellamare** retired effective the end of January after working for the District for over 20 years. Linda began her employment at the District as a construction employee during the plant upgrade in the 90's. She ended up her career as the assistant superintendent responsible for the process/plant laboratory.

Harold “Skip” Clough has moved to a project management position after being plant superintendent for over 25 years. Skip will remain in this position until the middle of May when he officially retires. It is anticipated that Skip will continue to work as a consultant on a part time basis as needed. Skip began with the plant being a primary treatment facility in 1986 and cultivated his knowledge and skills to manage the most advanced treatment facility on the Salmon Falls/Piscataqua River. In the late 90's Skip and the treatment plant were awarded recognition from the federal Environmental Protection Agency for Operations and Maintenance Excellence.

Scott Perry was hired in June of 2018, became Assistant Superintendent in 2020, and has taken over for Skip this March as Superintendent. Scott has been involved the wastewater industry since 1984 coming to South Berwick from the Ogunquit district.

Mike Antonelli joined the District in June of 2020 as a Plant Operator. Mike has been involved in the Wastewater Industry since 1988 and holds a Grade 5 Operator's License.

Timothy Brooks joined the staff in early 2020 as a wastewater technician.

Projects

As the plant nears 25 years of operation since the last upgrade, numerous repairs and replacements have been required. In the past two years approximately \$600,000 has been spent on these plant endeavors and sewer work. The majority of the effort has been paid from a capitol reserve account funded by fees for treatment of septic waste. The current budget includes a sum to aid in the replacement and expansion of the expended funds.

Unit Growth

The district has seen an increase in the number of units connected to the system in the last two years. In most situations infrastructure has been added to the District connection system at the expense of the developer. In addition, an Impact Fee (currently \$3,000) is charged for each equivalent unit. These fees are deposited into a sinking fund which is utilized in proportionate payment for existing bonds and loans. These fees have approximated \$150,000 over the past several years.

Financial Statements

Due to Covid restrictions District accountants are now in the process of completing financial reports which will be posted on the website in the next several weeks.

Supplemental (Deduct) Meters

For the past 18 years the District has encouraged installation of supplemental water meters. Application forms for these installations have been added to the District website. The purpose of the meters is to separate exterior non-sewer discharge water flows and avoid sewer fees for that portion of the flows on the water district bill. Use of the meter will provide a credit on the sewer bill for uses such as pool filling, lawn watering and exterior washing.

Important Note about Sewer Backups

Unfortunately, sewer backups do occur and with proper maintenance the District and their insurer will not be found liable for damages that occur to district member properties. Precautions should be taken by members to insure they are not subject to these damages or resulting costs. Those facilities that have drain openings that are lower than the abutting upstream manhole covers are susceptible. These openings are typically floor drains and basement toilet and shower drains. District employees will, at their availability, review your physical situation. Homeowners should review their insurance policies regarding coverage for these events.