

GARDINER CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET



Me	eting Date	05/22/2019	Department	Wastewater			
Ag	enda Item	4.2 Discuss, Evaluate, and Possibly Approve 'List B &	C' of Sewer Abaten	nent Requests and Abatement Request from Jack Skehan			
	Est. Cost	\$1,787.00 and any possible an	nount grant	ed to Mr. Skehan			
Background Information	list for more information List A: City Staff approv List B: City Council con- List C: City Council Council Mr. Skehan has receive Account was zeroed ou Current Balance on his 11/05/2018 01/03/2019 04/29/2019 56 Pierce Street Locatic This account has not se Current Balance on this 11/05/2018 01/03/2019 04/29/2019	4.2 Discuss, Evaluate, and Possibly Approve "List B & C" of Sewer Abatement Requests and Abatement Request from Jack Skehan \$1,787.00 and any possible amount granted to Mr. Skehan discuss evaluate, and possibly approve the "List of sever abatement requests. Sever abatement requests are reported questing to the City Council. Requests over \$150.00 required Council approval. See attached ones of the City Council approval of the abatement for the \$150.00 required Council approval. See attached ones of the City Council approval. See attached ones of the City Council approval. See attached to the City Council approval of the abatements of the City Council approval. See attached to the City Council approval of the abatements of the City Council approval. See attached to the City Council approval. See attached to the City Council approval of the abatements of the City Council approval. See attached to the City Council approval approval approval. See attached to the City Council approval appro					
	Requested Action	'I move to approve an Abatement Request for Jack					
City Manager and/or Finance Review		The City Manager recommends these Abatements.					
Council Vote/ Action Taken							
De	partmental Follow-Up	A Part of the Control					
(Clerk 2 nd Use Only	Reading Adv	ertised n 15 Days				

	CITY	CITY OF GARDINER		
	WASTE	WASTE WATER ABATEMENTS		
		List "A"		
NAME	PROP. LOCATION	AMT	REASON	
Wright	26 Cherry St	\$20.00	Outside Meter	
Vining	62 Pierce St	\$2.30	Outside Meter	
Meehan	34 Andrews St	\$26.10	Outside Meter	
Simpson	54 Timberwood	\$18.20	Outside Meter	
Hackett	6 Karen Drive	\$50.00	Outside Meter	
Porter	87 Dresden Ave	\$5.90	Outside Meter	
Cote	58 Harrison	\$1.70	Outside Meter	
Total:		\$124.20		1175
		List "B"		
	OVER \$150	\$150 COUNCIL APPROVAL		
Total:		\$0.00		
		List "C"		
		Special Consideration		
		Abatement Requests		
			Other	
Bonnie Dixon	12 Pray St	\$1,427.00	No Outside Meter	
Robert Andrews	46 Oak St	\$360.00	Outside meter purchased	
Total:		\$1,787.00		

Christine Landes

From:

Sherry Emmons

Sent:

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:08 PM

To:

Christine Landes

Subject:

Skehan

30 Bridge Street Location:

Mr. Skehan has received all the abatements in which he has applied for. The issue in which was found at our meeting on May 7, 2019 was that additional outside water was being used without being hooked up to an outside meter.

Account was zeroed out previously in 2017 to get a fresh start on getting the readings into us on time. That was about \$900.00

Current Balance on his account is: \$638.26 which consists of the following breakdown.

11/05/2018

\$900.48 was billed

\$464.00 was abated

\$436.48 plus interest \$455.81 Balance Past Due

01/03/2019

\$90.48 was billed and is past due with interest \$91.97

04/29/2019

\$90.48 Current bill

56 Pierce Street Location

This account has not seen an abatement request in over a year, until this request. This account had also been zeroed out back in 2017 for about \$767.00

Current Balance on this account is \$1052.40

11/05/2018

\$840.48 was billed and now with interest is \$869.95

01/03/2019

\$90.48 was billed and now with interest is \$91.97

04/29/2019

\$90.48 Current Bill

Mr. Skehan has not stated an abatement amount in which he is looking for.

Sherry Emmons
Executive Assistant / Utility Clerk/General Assistance
City of Gardiner



May 14, 2019

City of Gardiner 6 Church Street Gardiner, ME 04345

I am requesting sewer abatements for the outside water usage at my office location at 30 Bridge Street and also for the outside water usage at our personal residence at 56 Pierce Street.

I have always understood that Gardiner's sewer policy was to charge ONLY for water that goes into the sewer system. This policy seems reasonable and I do not believe the policy has changed. In my case, getting to the accurate amount of water sent into the system has proven difficult.

30 Bridge Street Location:

I believe property owners everywhere should be good custodians of their property and take care of it in a manner that would make them, as well as the municipality the property is located in proud. Because of this belief, I installed an irrigation system for our green space in August of 2015. (Our green space, especially the sloped areas, is where the snow melts first, where the grass gets green first and unfortunately, where the grass gets brown first and is the reason I installed the irrigation system.)

Attached is a transaction report of the sewer bill payments dated back to 2004. Our irrigation system was placed into service in August of 2015. My recollection is that we have had window boxes and flower at least since 2004. As I reviewed the report, I noticed that during this time, our sewer bill was seldom over the minimum, and when it was, it was not enough to be troublesome. The inside and outside water usage combined was hardly over the minimum. Once the irrigation was installed, our billing problems began.

Our busiest time of year is the first quarter of each year. We are fully staffed with 18-20 employees, with employees working from 5AM to 8-9 PM - 6 days a week with some employees choosing to work Sunday as well. We encourage in person interviews with clients and thus have many guests in house during this time as well.

We have a bathroom on each floor, one has a shower that has been used perhaps 3-4 times during power outages only. The kitchen has one sink and we used paper plates, cups, etc. Occasionally, we have a dish that needs washing. We have no dishwasher, no washing machine, etc.

Our sewer bill, during our busiest time of the year is the minimum. It just doesn't make sense that our INSIDE water and sewer usage during the remaining three quarters of each year could exceed the minimum. Our staffing level is at half from mid-May thru December and our hours are as well..

I would also like to point out that as a user of the sewer system that I am mostly in the dark about the billing. I am asked to submit meter readings, it is not acknowledged that you have received that reading, and I am not notified if an abatement has been granted or not, or for how much. The next billing comes in and the only indication whether an abatement has been granted or not is to look at the past due balance and GUESS what may have transpired. This system would hardly be pleasing to most. Just imagine receiving a bank or credit card statement with no detail!

We did meet with the mayor, the city manager, the sewer billing clerk and the superintendent on May 7th. It was suggested that the meters be recalibrated and perhaps a portable meter purchased for the front faucet that is used to water the flowers. As suggested at that meeting we did call the Water Department on 5/13/2019 to ask about recalibration of our meters which we purchased from the district. The person who answered said that the Water Department does not do this and couldn't make any suggestions as to who would. She also looked at our water history and said we are minimum water usage accept for summer time, which coincidentally is the position we've advocated for many years.

I probably should know better than to ask that logic be used, but as in many IRS audits, logic DOES play a role. In the case of our sewer bill, I believe the ONLY logical outcome is that our office NEVER exceeds the minimum sewer discharge amount allowed per quarter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jack Skehan

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Jack Skehan and Associates Transaction Detail By Account

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Jack Skehan and Associates Transaction Detail By Account

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56 Pierce Street Location:

Attached is another report of our payments for the sewer department dating back to 2010.

At our home we do have a pool and a hot tub that we've had for many years. We had irrigation installed in 2015. Our home features 2 bathrooms, a kitchen – no dishwasher. We do have a washing machine, although to help Judy, most of my clothes are laundered outside. Only the 2 of us live there. No pets. Occasionally grandchildren visit with friends to swim. Most of the visits are day trips.

We've had a meter for the back yard area, where the pool and hot tub are. Prior to this we did occasionally water some of the front yard from a faucet without a meter, perhaps accounting for usage over the minimum at times. Around August of 2015 we added irrigation to make our property more pleasing to the eye. A second meter was added at this time.

We do try to submit readings for the meters, however sometimes we may have missed a reading. And it hasn't made sense to me that, for example, an April reading is needed when no outside usage has taken place during the January to March timeframe. It creates additional work for everyone, the city staff and the ratepayer as well.

Overall:

We do realize that the Sewer Department did make changes for the 2019 year and would like the readings reported quarterly. We also understand that beginning in 2019, the Sewer Department is no longer "going back" to give abatements. We have now on our calendar, to read the meter each quarter.

At this time, we are unable to attend the May 22, 2019 meeting. We are asking for the council to thoroughly review and consider our request for abatement as it would be a fair and reasonable outcome.

Jack 5/14/19 Sincerely,

Jack Skehan

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	8/26/15	GSI Checking	423	CITY OF GARDINER			0.00
	8/26/15 9/15/15	GSI Checking	423	CITY OF GARDINER			0.00
	9/15/15	GSI Checking	423	CITY OF GARDINER			0.00
	11/23/15	GSI Checking	425	CITY OF GARDINER			-250.00
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	3/6/16	GSI Checking	428	CITY OF GARDINER			-87.00
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	9/15/16	GSI Checking	432	CITY OF GARDINER			0.00
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	3/17/19	GSI Checking	468	CITY OF GARDINER			0.00
	4/25/19	GSI Checking	469	CITY OF GARDINER			-49.47
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