



**Stratham Public Works Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 08, 2016  
Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room  
10 Bunker Hill Avenue  
Time: 7:00 PM**

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**Members Present:** John Boisvert, Chairman  
Joe Lovejoy, Selectmen's Representative  
Lissa Ham, Member  
Jim Cushman, Member

**Absent:** William Schoppmeyer, Member  
Michael Girard, Member

**Staff Present:** Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator  
Tavis Austin, Town Planner

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02; the Chairman took roll call.

**2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

The Commission reviewed minutes covering those meetings from March to August, 2016:

J. Lovejoy motioned to approve minutes as presented from October 20, 2016. J. Cushman  
Seconded; motion approved unanimously.

**3. Public Meeting(s).**

**a. Sewer Update**

P. Deschaine updated information with Exeter, including a counter offer related to Stratham's buy-in, and on further discussions with Newmarket who currently has an RFP out for a study to determine future potentialities. He concluded noting the Board of Selectmen, not having both sewer and water, had agreed to not make a 'hard push' for March 2017 Town Meeting.

J. Boisvert suggested reaching to 'out of the box' firms to achieve small scale treatment needs as offered by the Gateway. He noted Horsley Witten, Woodard and Curran, as examples.

**2. Other Business.**

P. Deschaine updated the Commission on the establishment of the Route 108 Corridor Study Committee--created in response to the ADG Report—it's purpose, and that the Committee may reach out to the PWC for input and education as they pursue their mission.

1 J. Lovejoy stated he was pleased with the Committee as it include 'anti gateway' and 'pro-  
2 gateway' participation as well as some who are genuinely interested to assist.

3 P. Deschaine discussed his meeting with USDA Rural Development as a potential source of  
4 funding, and shared their example of Berlin, VT who had a similar struggle with utilities as  
5 Stratham is facing. He concluded with a brief update on DES' involvement with Wiggin  
6 Way/Winterberry.

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8 **3. Adjournment.**

9 L. Hamm made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion seconded by J. Lovejoy. Motion carried  
10 unanimously.