

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MARCH 9, 2010

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6:30pm. Meeting opened. Commissioners Diane McElligott and Howard Baker present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Mark Abrahams, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Attorney Joseph Cove.

Diane McElligott assumed the Chairman's position in the absence of Bruce Hicks.

De-Sal Project Update: Jeff Hanson and Mr. Dave Wilson, PE came before the Board to state the pipeline design and drawings are complete and sufficient to submit to Mass Highway for approval. A review and discussion of the plans addressed some minor changes that don't effect Mass Highway but can and will be made prior to going out to bid. The Order of Conditions set by Taunton and Raynham are all set. The time line is as follows:

Mass Highway - 4 to 6 weeks for approval

Prepare RFP / Bid Documents

Advertise Bid 2nd to 3rd week of May

Bid Opening mid to end of June

August - start date

December - Completion

Mr. Hanson stated that the scope of work under his current contract is complete, but if the Board wishes he can put together a proposal for addition work which would include, preparation of bid documents, bidding process, and construction oversight. The Board agreed and asked him to submit a proposal.

Water Rates: Mark Abrahams completed the rate analysis as requested by summarizing what the revenue would be if the tier structure was amended.

The current tier structure: 0-12, 13-30, above 30 (Referred to as TIER 1)

Proposed tier option change: 0-5, 6-20, above 20 (Referred to as TIER CHANGE 2)

Using FY09 usage figures this will still leave a \$120,000.00 shortfall

Next proposed tier option change: 0-4, 5-20, above 20 (Referred to as TIER CHANGE 3)

Using FY09 usage figures this will leave a \$43,000.00 shortfall

Options: Increase rates beyond the changes herein, increase miscellaneous income, create new revenue source ie. Fire services, use water surplus reserve, or a combination of any of the aforementioned.

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After much discussion the issue was tabled until the next meeting March 23, 2010 at which time a Public Hearing will be scheduled for 7:00pm. Final discussion and a vote will take place at that time.

At 8:45pm. Howard Baker motioned that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and to return to regular session when through. Diane McElligott second the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:
Howard Baker – aye
Diane McElligott – aye
So voted.

9:30pm Diane McElligott called Regular Session back to order.

Present, Commissioners Diane McElligott and Howard Baker, also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Atty. Joseph Cove and Fran Yanuskiewicz.

New Business: Mr. Knapp informed the Board of another issue with Mr. John Freeman regarding an illegal water service repair at 15 Freeman Street. Mr. Freeman has been told he can not repair a plastic service it must be replaced with copper. This is the same illegal tie-in he refused to pay for and tie directly into the water main. (It currently Y's off of his service to 17 Freeman Street). Attorney Cove offered to address the situation with a letter to Mr. Freeman.

Mr. Knapp recommended that the Board withdraw their article request to operate the sewer department as an enterprise system. Howard Baker motioned to withdraw the warrant article regarding a sewer enterprise system. Diane McElligott second the motion. No further discussion. So voted.

Mr. Knapp recommended that the Board withdraw their budget articles at this time and resubmit them with changes prior to meeting with FinCom. Howard Baker motioned to withdraw budget articles. Diane McElligott second the motion. No further discussion. So voted.

IMA issues were discussed. It was agreed that Attorney Cove should review and comment on the current language of the proposed Agreement.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting March 23, 2010 at 6:30pm
Meeting adjourned 10:30pm

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

BOARD MEETING HELD: March 9, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Melito

Office Administrator

Bruce Hicks, Chairman

Diane McElligott

Diane McElligott, Clerk

Howard B. Baker

Howard B. Baker, Member