

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday August 24, 2010

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6:45pm Meeting opened. Commissioners Diane McElligott and Alec Rich present
Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Attorney
Joseph Cove.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 10, 2010 Board Meeting were read, approved and signed as submitted.

Norton Glen LLC: Fran stated, even though there has been meetings with the potential new owners, he is going to continue his correspondence with Norfolk Ram Engineering until something official in writing states otherwise. He will contact them with regard to the proposed sewer project (RMV) and keep the Board updated.

Correspondence from the Town of Mansfield: A letter dated August 18, 2010 (attached) regarding state funding was discussed. Attorney Cove stated the content of the letter is consistent with the discussion that took place during the Norton Board of Selectmen's Executive Session last week. Diane McElligott questioned whether or not the town manager's and/or a selectmen's signature should also endorse the letter. After further discussion it was agreed to sign the letter as is and forward it to Lee Azinheira in the Town of Mansfield.

A draft of the **Joint Memorandum and Protocol /Town of Mansfield and Town of Norton/ Sewer Treatment Extension Plan and District Formation** was submitted by Attorney Cove for review and comment. After discussing omissions and errors it was stated this document in its final form will be presented at the Norton Board of Selectmen's Meeting and signed by Norton Selectmen, Norton Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners and Town of Mansfield Board of Selectmen.

De-Sal Project: An email from Jeff Hanson was read to the Board. Copy attached.

SRF-Funding: Fran informed the Board that updates to SRF-Funding applications are due to the State by August 31, 2010. He asked the Board if they wished him to continue this task. They agreed and asked him to complete and submit the paper work on the Town's behalf.

Special Act/Assessing Fees: Attorney Cove submitted a cover letter draft, regarding *Annual Assessments for Unused Sewer Allocations*. He stated this language is a starting point and may be used as the billing document or a prebill notification, alerting the customer of what is to come. Other issues to consider before making a decision are:

- * Will charges be based on Prin & Interest only or all Semi Fixed Costs
- * What implications will these charges have on Developers and Development
- * The Town Manager should be made aware of decisions prior to billing customers
- * Should these customers be invited to a meeting to clarify the charges

After much discussion the Board tabled the issue until the next meeting. Fran said he would put together some figures comparing the two options, P&I - only vs. all semi fixed costs for the Board's next meeting.

IMA – Update: Fran gave each Member a copy of the M/F/N IMA (6/15/10 version) with comments on a line by line basis. He outlined questions and/or issues that should be addressed in the existing language. In addition to these items he **stressed** the following issues need to be addressed **now** as well:

- * Host Community Fee
- * Wheaton Capacity/Permit Transfer
- * Finality of the “loss” of a Norton Well (even though abandoned)
- * Loss of tax revenue – Reilly/Kok properties
- * Possible reduced property values (adjacent parcels)
- * Controls on use of purchased property in Norton
- * Disposition of Rental income from Kok Property in Norton. Continue to collect taxes based on actual assessed value of residential property (building & land) based on sale price
- * Contingency on possible drinking water well impacts. (Indemnification by District Commission)
- * Retain ability to send flows to Taunton in future
- * Improve on costs to Mansfield when Mansfield is using Norton and Foxboro plant capacity
- * Will growth in Norton and Foxboro be limited due to excess flow from Mansfield
- * Norton to retain design review privileges with fees for review paid by District
- * District to pay for all permit fees charged by Norton (ie. Building permit, plumbing permit, electrical permit, sprinkler fee, etc.)
- * Work to be done in advance of land purchase - 21E assessment, title work, etc. to be paid by district.

He strongly advised that Norton representatives push to get these issues addressed.

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Next IMA Meeting August 31, 2010

All appropriately processed bills were signed.

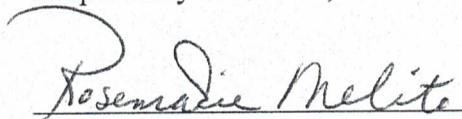
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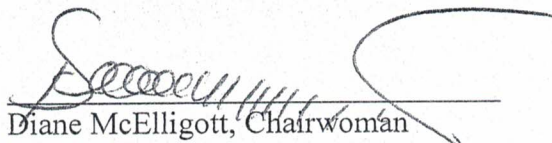
Meeting adjourned 10:45pm

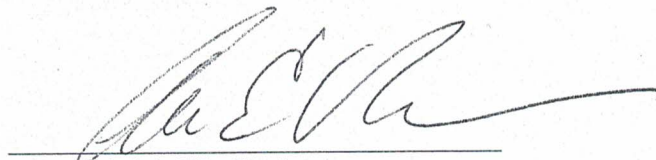
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE


BOARD MEETING HELD: August 24, 2010

Respectfully submitted,


Office Administrator


Diane McElligott, Chairwoman


Alec E. Rich III, Clerk


Steven Wiseman, Member