

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2010

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7:30pm Meeting opened. Commissioners Diane McElligott and Steve Wiseman present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Attorney Joseph Cove.

Minutes: Minutes of the October 25, 2010- Regular and Executive Sessions and the November 29, 2010 Board Meetings were read, approved and signed as submitted.

New Business: Mr. Knapp informed the Board of a conversation he had with a potential buyer of land on East Main Street currently owned by Ray Passenti. He said the discussion involved water and sewer allocation, fees and specifications, including a two inch sewer main with stubs to existing properties (283 and 285 East Main Street Condo Complexes) as well as upgrading the existing water main from 495 Market Place to the Red Mill area. He will keep the Board informed of any further discussions.

Old Business: The five warrant article requests were submitted. We should hear from FinCom in the very near future with a date and time to go before them.

De-Sal Project Update: Mr. Knapp handed the Board copies of correspondence dated November 9, 2010 from Jeff Hanson to David Anderson of the D.O.T. (copy attached). After reviewing the document it was suggested that Attorney Cove review a copy of the Acquaria Agreement and give his legal opinion as to whether or not the Town of Norton has the right to walk away without penalty given the amount of time and current obstacles that still face this project.

New Office Building: The heat is on and the inside painting has begun. There is an issue with the roof leaking that is being addressed. There have been preliminary meetings with the IT people and Communications Director. Things are moving along.

The new (town wide) radio system has been installed.

No word or payment from North Cottage or Red Mill Village on the sewer allocation assessment fee. The Board agreed it was time to send out second notices. Mr. Knapp suggested that the Commission proceed with the taking of the Newland Street sewer force main as voted at the June 7, 2010 Special Town Meeting. If the new owners of the Norton Glen are ready to pursue sewer plans this department needs to be ready. Fran suggested that before that decision is made, he should make contact with the new owners engineers and see where they stand at this point. The Board agreed.

Next IMA meeting is Thursday December 16, 2010.

Attorney Joe Cove stated he would like to discuss the following issues with the Board this evening:

- 1.) MFN Agreement
- 2.) Wheaton College
- 3.) Norton Glen

Before discussing these issues he stated he would like to see and strongly recommends informational integration with the Selectmen and General Government. These past few years this Commission and Department has done a lot of important work and the Selectmen and General Government should be more aware of it. With the Board's approval he would like to update the Selectmen and Town Manager (in writing) on the progress of the IMA agreement.

MFN Agreement: PILOT-agreement, need clarification or basis for amount discussed.
Disclosure of Mansfield Costs- Being addressed by the Mansfield Town Manager.
Labor Contracts/Mansfield Turnover – Clarification on when transition begins.
Capacity – Final numbers will depend on PILOT proposal and Wheaton issues
Costs and financing going forward.
Riley Property – Joe will inquire about meeting with Town Manager.

Wheaton College: Must put together an informational package. Meet with Attorney Manoogian, College Administration and Consultants. Cost Proposal – dependant on information to be supplied by CDM (not yet available), need hard numbers including what their share will be going forward.

Norton Glen: The sale (closing date) is scheduled for December 16, 2010. An agreement with Red Mill and an engineering agreement (on connection) need to be addressed. Fran said he would contact Dipriete Engineering, try to get some answers and impress upon them the need for a proposed sewer plan.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting Wednesday January 5, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 11:20pm.

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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

BOARD MEETING HELD: December 15, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Melito
Office Administrator

Diane McElligott 5 Jan 2011
Diane McElligott, Chairwoman Date Approved

Alec E. Rich III
Alec E. Rich III, Clerk

Date Approved

Steven Wiseman
Steven Wiseman, Member

5 Jan 2011
Date Approved