

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2011

6:30pm Meeting opened. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Alec Rich and Steve Wiseman present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Attorney Joe Cove and Fran Yanuskiewicz.

Thorndike/RedMill Village: Reschedule for next meeting.

IMA –Update: Chairwoman McElligott informed the Board that the group was okay with the PILOT amount but not with applying it as a credit directly to the sewer bill. The Board agreed they should meet with the Board of Selectmen and the new Town Manager in Executive Session to discuss negotiations including costs and the PILOT program. Taxes for the land including the Kok property would remain as revenue to the General Fund, but Pilot revenue and or credit needs to directly offset sewer costs. The Board directed Mr. Knapp to inquire about being on the Selectmen's March 10th agenda.

Fran stated that Dave Young (CDM) was informed of additional mistakes found in the draft and questioned as to why all points weren't answered. Fran is still waiting for a response.

Wheaton College: Attorney Cove stated he emailed Attorney Manoogian and informed him that Weston & Sampson Engineering is reviewing the CDM data but has found inaccuracies that need to be addressed. Once complete Fran will contact and discuss the data with Woodward & Curran.

Fran stated he thinks a meeting with EPA, DEP and Woodward & Curran is appropriate and in order at this time. With the Boards approval he said he would try to set it up as early as next week. He'll contact Brian Pitt(EPA) Bryant Ferman, Dave Burns and Jack Hamm (DEP) as well as Wheaton's contact person with Woodward & Curran. It's time for everyone to know the status of their NPDES Permit. The Board agreed.

New Building Update: Mr. Knapp informed the Board that the original plan was to have the fire alarm through the SCADA system but the Fire Department insisted on having their own fire alarm line installed that goes directly to the Fire Station. The Fire Department had that line installed. Now we have to get internet and phone service. National Grid poles were installed but Comcast said there was an issue with height requirements and insist they have to install five poles of their own for a cost of \$23,000.00. Diane suggested checking into Verizon – DSL costs.

Union/License Issue: Attorney Cove's letter of opinion was discussed. It was stated that employees holding a D-2 license are in fact *legally* able to be on call and make decisions. It is also their D-2 license they are operating under not the Primary Well operator's license. Attorney Cove stated the Board has the right to update policy and procedure to include language regarding D-3 licenses if they so choose. Mr. Knapp stated he would allow employees with D-2 licenses back on the rotation and would work on updating the department's policies and procedures to include language addressing D-3 license requirements.

Old Business: Attorney Cove notified Mr. Purcell the Town cannot get permit approval for Rt.495. Before cancelling our obligation to Aquaria this information may be useful as part of the Feasibility Study. A request to redirect bond proceeds requires a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting. It would be wise to wait until the Feasibility Study is complete before making further requests.

New Business: A letter dated February 18, 2011 from Brad Bramwell, Clerk of the Board of Selectmen was read. It was in regard to the High School renovation project, the associated water permit fees and a request of waiver or reduction. After some discussion the Board dictated a response to be sent.

Budget Review: Mr. Knapp informed the Board they are scheduled to go before FinCom on March 14, 2011 at 7:30pm. The Board reviewed the warrant articles and the water and sewer budgets. Diane McElligott stated that the commitment from the water department to supplement the Town Manager's salary was for a set period of time (3yrs). That ended with the FY-11 Budget. If we are going to be asked to continue to carry that amount I would prefer to see it under Town Reimbursement. After some discussion the Board agreed to move the \$10,000.00 amount from the water budget salary line item to Town Reimbursement, increasing that amount from \$218,000.00 to \$228,000.00.

Attorney Cove stated he has written a letter to Kathleen Colleary (DOR) requesting her guidance and opinion regarding transferring miscellaneous sewer receipts to the Stabilization Fund. He detailed the letter with all the facts including the Special Act and Legislation regarding capacity fees, the creation and intent of the Stabilization account, and the intended purpose of the transfer of monies. Hopefully we will have her response prior to the FinCom meeting.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence read.

Next meeting Monday March 7, 2001 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm.