

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766  
December 15, 2011

6:30pm Meeting called to order. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Luke Grant and Steve Wiseman present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito and Fran Yanuskiewicz.

**Bill Lipincott:** A member of the IDC Committee addressed the Board to convey what the IDC is hoping to achieve. They are trying to facilitate business with Condyne and accelerate interest with Crown Cleaners. He asked if the Board had any concerns with providing them with water and sewer. The Board stated they had previously met with Mr. O'Neill of Condyne regarding Crown Cleaners and discussed water, sewer, permits and fees. Mr. Lipincott stated the tie-in fees may be a deal breaker because other towns/cities are far less. Mr. Knapp explained that in lieu of tie-in fees other infrastructure improvements can be made. The next IDC meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> any Board Members available were urged to attend.

Taunton appears to be interested in talks to provide Norton with water and sewer.  
Next IMA meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board that the Tank Demolition Contracts were signed by Iseler Demolition Inc of Romeo, Michigan for the amount of \$40,400.00. They are scheduled to begin Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

An email from the Town Manager stated he's heard nothing from Campanelli or their counsel and to bill as usual. The Board directed Mrs. Melito to send out the annual sewer assessment bills.

An email from David Eastridge regarding pending water and sewer agreements were read and discussed. In addition to the changes requested by Thorndike the Board had issues they wanted addressed, including fiscal years named referencing annual sewer capacity fees to be waived, incorrect spelling of names and sewer allocation to the commercial building in Red Mill Village aka Red Mill Crossing. The letter dated December 15, 2011 addressed to Diane McElligott in which Thorndike specifies any sewer beyond the 500g/p/d needed by the owners of the commercial unit will need to purchase it from the Town, Thorndike will not be providing more than originally designated for the commercial building. Commissioner Wiseman stated he didn't think the Town could sell sewer flow to someone in a private development whose sewer goes to a privately owned sewer pump station. The Board tabled the discussion but directed Mr. Knapp to follow up with Attorney Cove on the issues discussed regarding items and language in the proposed water and sewer agreements as well as any progress made with the Norton Glen since our last meeting.

Commissioner Grant asked about the current policy that allows plastic water services to be installed. Mr. Knapp stated he prefers copper services, but requests for plastic is reviewed on a case by case basis. Commissioner Grant said he was an advocate of plastic as long as it meets

AWWA specifications. Copper can pose a lot of problems with durability and flexibleness (especially on long runs), the cost factor and corrosiveness. He asked that Mr. Knapp be more open to requests for plastic service lines.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting they approve all permit fees be waived between Town agencies. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Wiseman – aye

Luke Grant – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

Commissioner Wiseman said he would draft the letter by the next meeting for the Board's review.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 25<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, and November 29, 2011 Board Meetings were read, approved and signed as submitted.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence read.

Next meeting January 5, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm.