

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
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6:30pm. Meeting opened. Commissioners Luke Grant and Steve Wiseman present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito and Fran Yanuskiewicz.

Commissioner Grant assumed the Chairman's position in the absence of Diane McElligott.

IDC / Condyne: Tom Beauchane and Bill Lippencott from the IDC and Jeff O'Neill of Condyne came before the Board to further discuss water and sewer issues regarding Crown Cleaners. It was made clear current water and sewer permit fees would be a deal breaker for this proposal. Other cities including Taunton and Brockton are very interested in bringing this business to their cities and their fees are much less. This will be a 115,000sq.ft. facility with a real estate value of \$6-7 million, creating approximately 125 jobs. It will require an initial 80,000g/p/d of sewer flow with an increase potential of 120,000g/p/d, however a re-use design and new technology equipment could reduce these numbers significantly. Currently the Industrial Park has a private sewer agreement with Taunton for 125,000g/p/d but there is not enough capacity available to cover the cleaners needs. The Board assured them that they work with every developer by waiving/reducing fees in lieu of upgrades and or extensions to existing water and sewer infrastructures. The Board also stressed sewer availability is limited and will be used on a first come first serve basis, 80,000g/p/d is a substantial amount and there is at least one other entity interested in that much capacity, everyone needs to be aware of this issue. Commissioner Wiseman stated we absolutely support commercial growth and we are willing to work with any proposal. The Board was thanked for their time and told they will be kept informed.

IMA-Update: Fran submitted a draft report on *Wastewater Collection & Treatment Cost Analysis*. He stated it will take some time to read through and understand this entire report and offered a quick outline;

- 1.) Initiated talks with the City of Taunton. Although they have some loading and organic material issues they feel strongly they have plenty of capacity to sell Norton. Will need to explore connection points and cost effectiveness.
- 2.) Evaluated the cost per user today and costs going forward with Mansfield and the treatment plant expansion, with and without Wheaton College.
- 3.) Evaluated the existing wastewater system capacity available to Norton for future needs in the event that obtaining additional treatment capacity at the Mansfield or Taunton Wastewater Treatment Facilities are not feasible or **affordable**.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board that Attorney Cove will be sending a status report regarding the issues he is working on. He will attend the next Board Meeting upon request.

Mr. Knapp stated he spoke with Dave Eastridge (Red Mill Village) and informed him the sewer allocation for the commercial building "*Red Mill Crossing*" needs to be accounted for as part of the developments 30,000g/p/d.

The Board discussed Attorney Cove's recommendations regarding Norton Glen's permit fees (emails on 12/23/and 12/30/11). Commissioners Grant and Wiseman agreed the fees should be paid now and directed Mr. Knapp to ask Attorney Cove to our next meeting.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board the old center tank is down all debris has been removed and the land has been cleared. It was one of the smoothest projects we've had.

Commissioner Grant asked if the Conservation Agent and Board of Health Agent has signed off on our permanent occupancy permit. Mr. Knapp replied Jennifer hasn't done her final walk through yet and I'm giving more documentation regarding the septic system to Weston and Sampson this evening. Mr. Knapp was directed to follow through and get the signed occupancy permit,

Mr. Knapp was asked if he gave anymore thought to plastic water services. He stated he had but he still prefers copper. He is willing to revue requests for plastic services on a case by case basis.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board the Selectmen are not available January 31st. Commissioner Grant stated our next Board Meeting will be Tuesday January 17th if they would like to attend that meeting. If not we can hold a meeting on Wednesday January 25th otherwise it will have to be sometime in February.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 15, 2011 Board Meeting were read, approved and signed as submitted.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next Board Meeting January 17, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 9:45pm.