

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766

January 25, 2012

6:30pm. Meeting opened. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Luke Grant and Steve Wiseman present.
Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito and Attorney Joseph Cove.

Chairwoman McElligott welcomed Mike Yunits, and the Board of Selectmen, Brad Bramwell, Robert Kimball, Tim Giblin, Mary Steele and Robert Salvo to the meeting.

MMA-Report: Chairwoman McElligott opened the discussion, "I have stated my opinion in the past and I will state it again; I don't put much value in this report". The last time they spoke as a group she asked that the author be present for questioning. Mr. Bramwell asked if the principal had been contacted, Mr. Yunits replied no. Ms. McElligott stated this report is an opinion, not well substantiated, not defended and it doesn't address how the recommendations will help the Town of Norton. Mr. Kimball replied this meeting is not to attack the current Board Members or Superintendent. The findings merely point out there are areas that need to be addressed. Communication between the water/sewer department and the rest of the town departments should be the starting point. A DPW director is not necessarily the answer, but the professional we have in charge, the town manager should and needs to be more involved with the day to day stuff, checks and balances are very important, especially going forward as two Enterprise Funds. Ms. McElligott said as a municipal utility our focus is on serving the rate payers, working for what's in their best interest. We have always operated with transparency which is our checks and balances. Mr. Kimball replied "I think we're all on the same page, are goals are the same, we just need to work on working together".

7:15pm. Commissioner Wiseman, made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing IMA contracts and land acquisition, and then return to Regular Session. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Wiseman –aye

Luke Grant – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

Selectman Robert Salvo motioned that the Board of Selectmen go into Executive Session with the Water/Sewer Commissioners for the purpose of discussing IMA contracts and land acquisition. Tim Giblin seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Robert Salvo – aye

Tim Giblin – aye

Mary Steele – aye

Robert Kimball – aye

Brad Bramwell – aye

So voted.

9:00pm. Regular Session resumed. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Luke Grant and Steve Wiseman present. Also present, Duane Knapp and Rose Melito.

Next Agenda- FY-13 Budget review, Warrant Articles
The Board asked that Mark Abrahams be contacted and invited to the next meeting.

The Board discussed the issue of permit fees between town agencies. They agreed a request to waive all permit fees between town agencies should be sent to the Board of Selectmen. Commissioner Wiseman said he would draft the request and bring it before the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Grant inquired about salt use on the roadways and what effect if any it's having on our wells. He directed Mr. Knapp to contact the Highway Superintendent about installing "Salt Restricted Area" signs, and the Conservation Agent about working together to get any State support needed.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting Tuesday January 31, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm.