

**BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**  
**166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766**  
**January 31, 2012**

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

**IMA-Update:** Jack Hamm and Dave DiLorenzo (DEP) were in attendance at the last meeting, this seemed to move things along and it was a productive meeting. They gave a sense of urgency to meet the deadline for 0% SRF Funding (calendar year 2012). By July is the time frame for assistance at the State Level due to the number of anticipated retirements. DEP will help with the application process for Urban Sprawl Requirement (growth issues).

Fran spoke of his concerns regarding how both the O&M costs and the Bardenpho Conversion/Phase 2 upgrade costs are being allocated among the three communities. (Outline attached)

**Budget Review:** Mark Abrahams presented a slide show review of the draft FY-13 Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Budgets. At this point and time Indirect Costs have not been established and Capital Costs are still being discussed. He said he would continue to update the spread sheets as information becomes available. He would also attend the FinCom meeting at the Commission's request.

**Dan & Paula Kelleher:** The Kelleher's and some neighbors on Beach and Freeman Street came before the Board to discuss their concern for the quality of the Town's water. They stated they repeatedly experience dark disgusting water. They have called several times and are told it's caused by flushing, a broken water main, the old tank the new tank, a fire etc. They no longer want to know what's causing it, they want answers on what's being done about it, to stop and prevent it. The Board addressed their concerns, they spoke of the feasibility study, the possibility of iron and manganese filtration systems, Taunton being a new water source. The Board assured the residents they are aware of the problems and are diligently addressing them. Commissioner Wiseman commented on his own experience and the whole house charcoal filter system he uses. They cost approximately fifty dollars plus cartridges. Until such time that the town is able to manage the iron and manganese problem this is a good and relatively inexpensive fix. Ways to alert the public quicker when things happen, reimbursement for loss (ruined laundry, fixtures, appliances etc.) and water analysis were also discussed. Mr. Knapp asked each resident for their email address and said he would follow up with each of them. They thanked the Board for their time.

**8:40pm.** Luke Grant motioned that the Board take a five minute recess. Steve Wiseman seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Wiseman – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

**8:50pm.** The meeting was called back to order.

Further discussion continued on the water quality issues. The Board agreed reimbursement for loss is not an option. Having a readable water analysis report for those who inquire should always be available.

Mr. Knapp was directed to contact local establishments that carry the whole house charcoal filter systems and discuss a possible discount program for Norton residents and the Communication's Director to discuss options she may have available (reverse 911) to inform residents of water quality issues ie. water main breaks, fires, flushing etc.

The Board discussed amending the 1999 By-Law regarding sewer tie-ins. Possibly changing the two year mandate to five and have it cosponsored with the Board of Health. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Grant asked about safety classes. In light of our two injured employees this department should be taking a proactive approach to safety (in all areas). It should actually be a town wide proactive movement that can begin with us. Mr. Knapp stated there are safety courses offered by NEWWA that most of the employees take as part of their required CEU credits. In-house we also have several videos. Mr. Grant suggested [clicksafety.com](http://clicksafety.com).

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next IMA meeting February 13, 2012.

Next Board Meeting February 9, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 11:00pm.