

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

6:30pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Diane McElligott and Luke Grant present. Also present Bernie Marshall, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Barbara Cook. Commissioner Moitoza absent.

Weston & Sampson – Updates:

Water: Barbara Cook informed the Board in order to correct Mass GIS in regards to Article 97 Land Use she was directed to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs who requested a legal opinion. The Town has that from Attorney Cove, Barbara said she will move forward with this.

SRF: The Town passed its awarding this year because the Town did not fund the appropriation. The next round will have a different structure that will include a five tier (instead of three) criteria. Even with the extra tiers Norton still has a really good shot at the funding.

Draft Pre-Design WTP: A pre-design contract was submitted for review and comment.

Withdrawal Statistics: The ASR indicated overdrawing on some wells, working with Bernie for accuracy.

Solar power use in the future was questioned, will follow up with Town Manager.

Commissioner Grant mentioned that the previous superintendent was suppose to inquire and get prices for camera surveillance at the well sites and asked Bernie to follow through on that.

Sewer: IMA – Final edits are being made, a few things Norton should still consider having clarified in the agreement: Losing the ability to reinstate Well #2 (future water supply) on Pine Street as well as language that protects the Town from any costs should Well #1 be impacted in any way by the recharge area; a third party review of Geo findings at no charge to Norton; appendix to include an example for the APN so it's clarified in black and white; maps; Illustrative examples and I&I issues.

Next IMA meeting Monday June 24, 2013.

CWMP: Fall Public Meeting and final invoice.

Superintendent Updates: The Town Manager has asked for a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss sewer connection requirements and an IMA update. The Board responded they would like to meet with the Board of Health Agent first and then would follow up with the Town Manager.

Cell Tower Lease: A list of changes/edits were sent to the Town Manager.

112 King Philip Rd: A potential developer asked if a Liberty Pump instead of an E-1 Pump was acceptable. The Board agreed the only acceptable pumps are E-1 or Barnes.

MEPA Meeting: With department heads regarding the 274 East Main Street project was held this week. Conservation concerns include storm water issues. Sewer concerns include the possible need to replace both pumps, motor and drive at the Knollwood Sewer Station to handle the project's flow.

Sewer Meter Calibration: Al Slade has been hired to calibrate the sewer meters.

Canoe River Committee: Mr. Marshall stated he attended the meeting in the absence of Commissioner Grant, and gave the Board a brief update.

EDEP: Mr. Marshall stated he has made the name and contact info change and now has total access to all of Norton's files. He also assured the Well Operator that he would be reviewing duties and responsibilities going forward.

Office Building: Landscaping and new signs have been ordered.

Oak Street: Staffing is very limited at this time, services are being done whenever possible. The remaining services should be completed within the next few weeks.

OtterCreek: Mr. Marshall spoke to Carl Crawford and was told of the meetings he had with Mr. Knapp and his approval for the \$192,000 contract. Mr. Marshall explained that all water projects are on hold for the time being. He would contact him in the future when the Board discusses and agrees on moving forward.

Chairwomans's Business: Sewer issues; Language needs to be added to the sewer regs that reflect the following: Owners of sewer flow must have total build out data of flow plus 10% before being able to sell any "*left over flow*".

If a property abutting a sewer main has not tied in and is being sold or has a failing septic system it **must** tie in.

The new 2 year vs. 5 year tie-in (vote) creates a revenue issue. A legal opinion should be obtained with regard to implementing the following as part of the by-law (tax vs. fee). Tie-in fees are charged immediately (based on Legislative language) but property owners have up to five years to physically tie-in.

Support from the Health Agent would be a plus. Mr. Marshall was asked to contact Mr. Dumont and invite him to our meeting at his earliest convenience.

Projected increases in Mansfield costs will impact Norton rates. Info from Mansfield to be used to graph history of increases. In a previous discussion with Lee Azinheira he stated his sewer rates in Mansfield increase on an average of 8-10% annually. This information will also be helpful with the Wheaton negotiations.

Chairwoman McElligott asked Mr. Marshall to review and familiarize himself with the letters, emails and correspondence leading to the Campanelli Agreement and the subsequent disbursements. The Board is not willing at this time to pay the legal bills associated with this issue.. The entire disbursement went to the General Fund, that is where the bill should be paid from. Mr. Marshall was asked to follow up with the Town Manager on this issue.

Commissioner Grant asked that the Superintendent and the Board consider the use of plastic pipe from the curb stop to the house at 200psi. There would be no couplings involved and easier installations. Mr. Marshall said he would like more information both pro and con before making a decision.

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All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next Meeting June 25, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Future meeting dates July 9th and July 30th.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 pm.