

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766
June 23, 2015

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6:30pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Steve Bishop and Luke Grant present. Also present Bernie Marshall, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz, Steve Pedersen

Chairwoman's Business: The Board reviewed, discussed and compared surrounding Town's water and sewer rates including Attleboro, Mansfield, Foxboro, Taunton and Easton.

7:00pm. Opened Public Hearing: Residents present; Sean Carol and Robert Kaplan

Chairwoman McElligott read the Public Notice aloud. The Board stated the need for water and sewer rate increases as follows: To support increased water and sewer budgets due to bonding costs and payments for the Water Treatment Plant Facility and the TriTown Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades & Expansion, and Center Sewer Pump Station Project.

Water: 6.5%, 7.5%, 8.5%, and 9.75% increases were discussed. Based on data 10% of the customer base stay within the minimum usage tier, 59% stay within the second tier and 31% reach the third tier. After much discussion Commissioner Grant motioned to increase water rates 7.5% effective for billing on and after July 1, 2015. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So Voted.

Quarterly Rate Structure Effective July 1, 2015: \$28.00 (0-400c.f.) Minimum Bill
3.37/100c.f. (500-2000c.f.)
5.25/100c.f. (above 2000c.f.)

Sewer: 5.75% increase was discussed. Commissioner Grant motioned to increase sewer rates 5.75% effective for billing on and after July 1, 2015. With a minimum quarterly bill of \$86.52. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So Voted.

Quarterly Rate Effective July 1, 2015: \$7.21/100c.f. Sewer use is calculated as 95% of the water usage with a minimum quarterly bill of \$86.52

Residents in attendance asked if sewer betterment/tie-in fees were being increased. The Board answered no, the only increases are on water and sewer usage rates.

No further questions. No further discussion.

7:55pm Public Hearing Closed

Thorndike Properties: Postponed

Valentina Desimone: 31 Alder Road. Requested relief on the quarterly water/sewer bill ending March 2015. She stated a broken pipe in the crawl space went unnoticed until the water department notified her. Because she was unaware of the break she felt it was unfair to have to pay the bill especially the sewer portion. After some discussion it was understood the water bill had to be paid in its entirety and if not paid by December 1st the balance would go to tax lien. The Board agreed to waive interest through December 1, 2015. Commissioner Grant motioned to abate \$6,558.79 of the sewer charged for the period ending March 2015. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion. No further discussion. All favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So Voted

Superintendent Updates: Walsh Contracting is scheduled to repair the leak on Smith Street next Tuesday, June 30th.

July 9th there will be a meeting at the water department with DEP, Barbara Cook and Randy Suozzo regarding our withdrawal permit.

July 29, 2015 is the court date at Attleboro District Court @ 1:00pm regarding 18 Kilsyth Road.

Weston & Sampson Updates: Fran suggested updating RedMill flows with current use (capacity transfer) and he would work with Atty. Quirk on the language.

Annual Service Contract for General Engineering Services was approved for \$50,000.00

EIR Contract to be discussed at the next meeting.

An amendment to Conservation's Order of Conditions was filed – the bridge crossing on Pine Street will no longer be by directional drilling.

Attorney Cove would like to complete the Certificate of Title (Wheaton College) including the area to Taunton Avenue.

The next meeting with Wheaton is scheduled for June 24th at 1:00pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 9, 2015 Board Meeting were read, approved and signed as submitted.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting July 23, 2015 at 6:30pm. @ Norton Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 10:15pm.

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

Board Meeting Held: June 23, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Melito
Office Administrator

Diane McElligott
Diane McElligott, Chairwoman

23 July 2015
Date Approved

Steve Bishop
Steve Bishop, Clerk

7-23-15
Date Approved

Luke Grant
Luke Grant, Member

7/23/15
Date Approved