

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
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6:30pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Diane McElligott and Steve Bishop present. Also present Bernie Marshall, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Barbara Cook. Commissioner Luke Grant absent.

Thorndike Sewer Capacity Transfer: Lloyd Geisinger, Attorney Peter Freeman and Muhammad Itani came before the Board. The latest draft proposal was reviewed. After much discussion the Board agreed to section 5.iii and 5.iv as written and that the bond language provides the security the Board is looking for and they were not opposed to the homeowner language being removed in section 12. as long as Attorney Quirk has no objections. Attorney Freeman said he would follow up with Attorney Quirk and Mr. Geisinger asked if another meeting with the Board would be required. Commissioner McElligott stated she will sign the agreement as soon as she gets Attorney Quirks okay to do so, and that there is no need for another meeting.

Turtle Crossing: Marc Daigle and Roberto Arista (Dakota Partners) came before the Board. They discussed their meeting of 9/03/15 with Bernie, Fran and Dan Campbell at which time they determined and agreed the offsite water and sewer upgrades on the plans dated March 2012 are no longer viable. After much conversation, Commissioner McElligott stated based on the information gathered from previous correspondence (2012), total out of pocket expenses for Turtle Crossing appears to be approximately \$1.6 to \$1.7 million dollars. The figures and associated off site costs calculated today are approximately \$1.86 million. Mr. Daigle said his figures were not quite the same as in 2012, his are about \$300,000. less. The Chair asked Fran to create a chart consisting of three columns that would outline 1. total costs based on the March 2012 plan and correspondence, 2. today's costs including offsite work, and 3. the Towns proposal.

To be ready prior to the next Board Meeting for comparison.
Mr. Daigle asked that a bullet concept be discussed at the next meeting, to be followed by a MOA.
The Board agreed.

Weston & Sampson Updates: Barbara Cook updated the Board with the latest issues regarding the Mass Historical Comm. The MHC requests that project planners consider prudent and feasible alternatives to avoid project impacts to the Canoe River. If an alternative site is not sought MHC will require data recovery and soil stripping at an estimated additional cost of \$160,000 to \$180,000 (excluding tree removal). If anything more significant than what has already been found is uncovered during this process the site will be deemed unusable for a water treatment plant using SRF Funds. Ms. Cook recommended that the Board authorize Weston & Sampson to use \$15,000.00 of current contract money to research alternate sites. The Board

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asked about additional fill without stripping, Barbara said she would look into that. After further discussion Commissioner Bishop motioned to authorize Weston & Sampson to research alternative sites utilizing current contract monies not to exceed \$15,000.00. Commissioner McElligott seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Bishop – Aye

Diane McElligott – Aye

So voted.

Ms. Cook also recommended pulling the fall town meeting warrant article regarding additional money for the treatment plant project until the Spring.

Fran Yanuskiewicz gave a brief update on the sewer project. Next meeting with Wheaton representatives is September 25th to review final plans and specs. The project will go out to bid in the Central Register in two weeks, bids will be opened three weeks after that. The dollar amount to be included in the fall town warrant article should be \$300,000.

Chairwoman's Business: Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles; After much discussion Commissioner McElligott instructed the Superintendent to remove the Revolving Fund Article and the Water Treatment Plant Article and to insert the amount of \$300,000. in the Sewer Project Article and to submit the following language for the Mandatory Sewer Connection:

MANDATORY CONNECTION TO COMMON SEWER

The owner or occupant of any building upon land abutting on a private or public way, in which a common sewer was installed utilizing Municipal Funding, either prior to or after this by-law, shall, upon a violation of Title 5 of the State Sanitary Code, as It may be amended from time to time, upon sale of the property, or within 5 years of availability of such common sewer, whichever shall occur sooner, connect the same therewith by a sufficient drain; provided further that any owner or occupant subject to an order to connect dated on or before the effective date of this by-law shall not be relieved of the obligations thereunder as a result of the adoption of this by-law

Further

The owner or occupant of any building upon land abutting on a private or public way, in which a common sewer was installed utilizing only Private Funding, either prior to or after this by-law, shall, upon a violation of Title 5 of the State Sanitary Code, as It may be amended from time to time, or prior to the sale or subdivision of the property, whichever shall occur sooner, connect the same therewith by a sufficient drain; provided further that any owner or occupant subject to an order to connect dated on or before the effective date of this by-law shall not be relieved of the obligations thereunder as a result of the adoption of this by-law

At the next meeting a date needs to be set to start updating the Water and Sewer Rules and Regulations. Commissioner McElligott stated she would like the Board to consider implementing a sewer availability fee.

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All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting September 29, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 11:10pm.

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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

Board Meeting Held: September 15, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Melito
Office Administrator

Diane McElligott
Diane McElligott, Chairwoman

9/29/15
Date Approved

Steve Bishop
Steve Bishop, Clerk

9-29-15
Date Approved

Luke Grant
Luke Grant, Member

Date Approved