

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
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6:30pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Luke Grant, Steve Bishop and Scott Ollerhead present. Also, present Frank Fournier, Steve Pederson and Tara Hourihan.

19 King Phillip Rd.: - Discussion about overdue water charges attached to the property prior to the Town of Norton taking the property for tax lien. The town sold the property for 80K to Christopher Olsen who attended the meeting. He advised the board that his attorney had spoken with the town's attorney and the treasurer. He explained to the board they all believe the money is not due by Mr. Olsen because he did not purchase the property from the original owner. He purchased it from the town of Norton which had taken the property for tax title. The Board could not agree with Mr. Olsen and explained they would like to hear that from the attorneys. It is still the belief of the board that the outstanding bill remains with the property when it gets sold. The board stated we will not turn on the water until the past due is paid. This property is also required to tie into sewer. The Board will wait to hear from the attorneys. The Board has requested the accounting on how the \$80K the town received for the sale was allocated. Also requested is a copy of the for-sale ad for this property and what were the conditions of the sale. Frank will obtain these requests.

Draft Water Management Act: - Discussion with the board about a letter sent to us from Mass DEP that the John F. Parker Municipal Golf Course has applied for a withdrawal permit of .194mgd as they expand the golf course which is located in Taunton.

Superintendent Updates: - Vending machine – Discussion about problems with the machine not working correctly. The board was updated with the problem the machine had due to cold weather. The machine has not been able to keep up with demand. Many customers are filling multiple 5-gallon containers and upwards of 15 to 20 plus one-gallon containers leaving little to no water for the next person. Frank mentioned locking the shelf so no 5-gallon containers could be filled, limiting the amount that customers could take per visit or installing a second or larger machine. The board would like to look at options of slowing down the flow of the machine output or if there is potential to speed up the process in which it filters the water. Frank will follow up with Blue Drop.

Staffing/Licenses: - The Board was updated that we have a few employees who still have (OIT) operator in training licenses. They have sent in applications for in full licenses.

Water Treatment Plant: – Continues to move forward and may slow with the cold weather mid-week. The next large item will be installation of trusses after the wall completion.

Water Treatment Plant: - Discussion on how to staff the treatment plant. The most likely scenario will be having a company operate the plant during the first 6 months when the plant is required to be manned during all hours of operation. Currently Weston and Sampson run the

Chatham Massachusetts Water Treatment Plant. Frank will be following up to determine a potential cost estimate for the shifts that need to be covered to determine funding to ask for at town meeting.

Water Treatment Plant Site: - Discussion with the board about the vulnerability of the new treatment plant with many of the large pine trees surrounding the building and the center island of trees. Many have fallen during the past storms and come very close to the new construction. If any of these trees were to land on the new building there would be catastrophic damage. This is a major concern not just for the building but also for the employees that will be operating the facility and the vehicles that may be parked outside. Weston and Sampson will look into the possibility of a select cut of potential problem trees.

Well #1: - Exceedance on manganese was explained with the potential of the state not allowing us to continue operation until levels are below the required level. Frank mentioned there may be an option to rent a trailer mounted rapid sand filter to install at Well #1 to also increase our CT time so we may not need as much pipe installed to meet 4 log removal.

123 Sewer Project: - Weston and Sampson advised they are still waiting on a permit from Mass DOT. There are concerns that the location designed on the plan to install the sewer may be too tight in an area with existing utilities. The option would be to install the sewer closer to the middle of the roadway. This could result in reclamation of the entire road surface not just trench repair and could double the previous allocated amount. Weston and Sampson recommend and will be working on specific language to have a place holder on the warrant for town meeting in case more funding is necessary.

Reservoir St. Gravity Construction: - Monday 9:00 am Tom from Gravity construction met with Chris DeMartino from the water dept. to determine the actual depth of asphalt install by Gravity. Keith Silver was asked to mark areas of concern throughout the entire project. Areas that he picked, and others were drilled and measured to determine that Gravity had installed the correct amount of asphalt per the contract. All core holes measured 4 inches or more in depth of asphalt.

The Board was satisfied and signed off on the final payment to Gravity Construction.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meetings scheduled for 2/12/19, 2/26/19

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

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


Board Meeting Held: 1/29/2019

Respectfully submitted,


Interim Superintendent


Luke Grant, Chairman

2/12/19
Date Approved


Steve Bishop, Clerk

2/12/19
Date Approved


Scott Ollerhead, Member

2/27/19
Date Approved