

**BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

**166 John Scott Blvd. Norton, MA 02766**

**March 26, 2019**

**6:30pm. Meeting called to order:**

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Commissioners Luke Grant, Stephen Bishop and Scott Ollerhead present.

Francis Yanuskiewicz, Joe Cove and Diane McElligott also present.

Interim Superintendent Frank Fournier present.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the previous board meetings on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 and March 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 were read and approved as submitted.

**Housing Authority:**

Joe Cove began a discussion with the Board about the West Main Street Sewer project. He explained the changes and submitted the final agreement between the Town of Norton and the Norton Housing Authority to the Board as follows:

MOTION AND VOTE  
TO EXECUTE CONNECTION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
TOWN OF NORTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION  
AND THE  
NORTON HOUSING AUTHORITY  
FOR PROPERTY AT WEST MAIN STREET, NORTON, MA

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019 the Commission reviewed a final connection agreement between the Norton Housing Authority and the Town of Norton Water and Sewer Commission for the construction of a sewer pump station on the land of Norton Housing Authority (herein, NHA), the grant of a permanent easement to the Town for the

pump station and various other financial arrangements between the Town and NHA regarding the construction of the pump station and connection into the public sewer.

After review and discussion, it was:

MOTIONED: That the Town of Norton acting through its Water and Sewer Commission Authorize its Chairman, Luther Grant to execute in the name of the Town of Norton Water and Sewer Commission the document entitled "Connection Agreement, Town of Norton and Norton Housing Authority" this 26th day of March, 2019 and that duplicate originals of this agreement be exchanged with the Housing Authority and that said duplicate originals as executed by the NHA be signed at the convenience of the Chairman so that fully executed documents will be recorded in the public record of this Commission.

Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve, Commissioner Ollerhead seconded the motion.

No further discussion All in favor:

Luke Grant—aye

Steve Bishop — aye

Scott Ollerhead — aye

So Voted.

#### **Sanitary Survey:**

Frank Fournier had a discussion with the Board about some of the corrective actions that will be taking place and changes in policies and practices as we move forward.

#### **60 West Main St.:**

Discussion about a proposed Cumberland Farms to be built at this location, a rough drawing was provided from Jimma (Foreman) who attended the meeting. This property is located to the east of the Yelle School. Jimma advised the builders of the up coming Sewer main project for West Main St. and that they should come before the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners with their plans and discuss the building schedule and need for water and sewer.

### **195 Mansfield Ave.:**

Discussion with the Board about a large project proposed on property just north of the Roche Bros. plaza. 25% or 25 units of this will be affordable housing. This is comprised of 40 studio units , 20 – (1) bedrooms, 30 – (2) bedrooms and 10 – (3)-bedroom units. Our foreman Jimma attended the meeting and is expecting to see proposed plans within 4-6 weeks at that time we can determine the water and sewer needs for this property.

### **West Main St. Sewer:**

Discussion about a suitable location for a lay down or staging area for the sewer project. one potential area might be 63 West Main St. in the area of the town salt shed and Water Departments elevated tank. it was noted that this may require a permit from the conservation commission.

### **Staffing:**

Discussion about licenses and operational concerns for the new treatment plant, Frank Fournier explained to the Board that he has sent an email to Mike Yunits asking about the possibility of once the union contract is open to request the Primary Treatment Operator positions, that we also add a Foreman position and possibly the Assistant Superintendent position both at hourly rates. This request is based on the number of staff members that do not currently work the emergency on call schedule as well as different hours for the current foreman who is in a different union.

### **Drinking Water Treatment Facility:**

Water treatment plant construction is still on schedule, the roof trusses are in town and stored on Water Department property for ease of mobility when ready. Frank explained on Wednesday 3/27/19 he has a joint meeting with Methuen construction as well as the engineers from Weston and Sampson and Frank Sullivan about the well cleaning schedules and the potential problems it may cause. The discussion will help determine the best possible scenario for all involved. Also invited Derek Sirtoli, Primary Well Operator, Commissioner Luke Grant and Town Manager Mike Yunits.

### **Rate Study:**

Francis Yanuskiewicz mentioned that the Abraham rate study is almost complete, Frank Fournier mentioned there is a good possibility that after this study is completed that another may be necessary based on added chemical costs and additional electricity that the new Water Treatment Facility will be using. Basically, now we will be pumping the water 3 times before it enters the distribution system compared to one time, and electricity is very expensive.

### **MFN:**

Diane McElligott notified and invited the Board to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for Saturday May 11, 2019 for the remodeled MFN waste water treatment facility.

**Taunton:**

Diane McElligott began a discussion about a proposed Truck stop/gas station/car wash/convenience store. Diane explained with a map the location of this property located at 2318 Bay St. after the removal of an existing single family house the total land area would consist of approximately 6 acres, which is just over the Norton town line and just prior to the on ramp to 495 north. Concerns include the close proximity to the Norton and Taunton wells, also the distance from Lake Winnecunnet.

This Bay St. address is in a Zone II water resource protection area in the City of Taunton, also in a flood plain.

Diane notified the Taunton Planning Board that this proposed property does not have a water main or gravity sewer main in front of this address.

Per the original Intermunicipal Agreement there were 7 houses that would be provided water and sewer supplied by Norton. These residential sewer flows run to Norton's Winnecunnet sewer pump station, then is pumped via force main back up and over 495 into Taunton. The Board of Water Commissioners will be writing a letter to the Taunton Planning Board to notify them that Norton will not allow any property in Taunton to tie into the sewer force main, should this project or any other commercial project proceed, Taunton will be required to develop a new inter municipal agreement.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

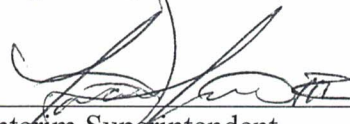
The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:30pm

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


Board Meeting Held: 3/27/2019

Respectfully submitted,

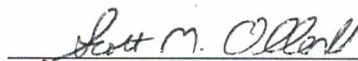
  
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Luke Grant, Chairman

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Steve Bishop, Clerk

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