

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
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6:36 p.m. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Luke Grant, Steve Bishop, Scott Ollerhead present. Also, Frank Fournier, Steve Pedersen, Barbara Cook, Fran Yanuskiewicz present.

Home Market Foods: -

Frank began a discussion about the Board implementing a policy to include fines for companies that perform sprinkler maintenance or flow tests that result in a disruption to the towns distribution system, if the proper notification process is not followed.

Bay Road Truck Stop: -

Fran began a discussion with the Board about the parcel of land where Taunton has approved a large car wash, gas station, and convenience store. This was unanimously approved by the Taunton Planning Board at their last meeting. After some research Fran has found that the sewer design shows the 2" gravity sewer main which was installed does go by the front of this property as well as the 6" sewer force main. Although there is a question if any sewer stubs were left for each of these properties in Taunton, Fran has asked the Norton Sewer Department to look for any documentation to show references and ties to these possible connections. Frank was asked to provide a copy of these plans to Taunton to show the potential sewer main and lateral locations as they may not be aware of this sewer infrastructure. A discussion followed with regard to looking at drawing up a new intermunicipal agreement if there are to be significant changes to the original agreement.

Stephen Ostrer: -

Resident from 86 Coddington Road had a concern about a very high-water bill. He is certain he has had no leaks. While he was away and insists his outside faucets have been turned off from inside his home. Frank offered to do a leak detection and verify the meter reading at the homeowner's convenience and will be scheduling a technician for this appointment. The Board agreed to abate a portion of the sewer charges based on a leak that did not go into the sewer system, possibly a portion of the capital charge may be lessened. A discussion with the office administrator will determine the amounts owed. The homeowner requested the possibility of setting up a payment plan over a 3-month time frame.

Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve the sewer abatement verified by the Office Administrator. Commissioner Ollerhead seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Bishop – aye
Scott Ollerhead – aye
Luke Grant – aye
So, voted.

Abraham Rate Study: -

Water rate study is still on going. Fran started a discussion about the possibility of needing a sewer rate study based on the rate increases from the MFN. At this time, it does not appear necessary to do a sewer rate study. Based on retained earnings from fifth quarter review. any overages from the three towns have been set aside by the MFN into a reserve account to avoid the large swings in rates over a short period of time. Currently Norton is slightly higher than the other two towns based on flow we have increased to about 11% from the 9% we were at prior.

Rt 123 Sewer Project: -

Steve Pedersen began with his update on the slow progression of the Mass DOT permitting and is requesting letters of support to show that the large stakeholders would prefer the night work option as the best means to move this project along.

Steve mentioned we already have two letters showing support for the night work and asked that we reach out to Norton Fire and Norton Police for letters of support, as well as the Norton Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen.

If a contractor is only allowed to work on a day schedule obviously traffic will be a major concern, but the hours allowed to work by Mass DOT are very restrictive, they only allow a 5-hr. work window. The night operation even with its extra cost and challenges allows for a longer work window and less traffic issues and the potential for the project to move along quicker and smoother.

We are still waiting on a Mass DOT permit which we believe will not be in place before this project goes out to bid. Steve has asked for a draft permit and is hopeful that it will be in place before going out to bid.

Also, a new requirement for Mass DOT is an FSP for the existing sewer system. Frank is working with the sewer department and Weston and Sampson to get this completed. This must be completed prior to the completion of this 123-sewer project.

Steve will be sending a copy of the bid opening to be posted in the Sun Chronicle news paper as well as at the water department office and town hall.

Frank was asked to secure the selectmen's room at town hall for Friday April 26th at 10 a.m. for a pre bid meeting.

Bid opening is scheduled for Thursday May 9, 2019 prior to the Town Meeting May 15, 2019.

Rt. 123 Sewer: -

Request for additional funding. The 123-sewer design has gone over the original approved amount due to the fact that Mass DOT has changed the allowable location for the proposed sewer line and connections. The additional amount asked for is \$49,000.00 bringing the total amount to \$377,400.00.

Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve the design services amendment for an additional 49k. Commissioner Ollerhead seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:
Steve Bishop- aye
Scott Ollerhead-aye
Luke Grant-aye So, Voted.

UIC Permits: -

The department was notified during our last sanitary survey that our floor drains in each of our water well buildings are in non-compliance with the DEP regulations. Frank has reached out to Weston and Sampson for assistance in the permitting process to make these corrections. After a site survey the necessary documents have been drafted and are ready to be sent off for DEP approval, the cost associated with these required permits is \$5,400.00. A motion was made to give the authority to Interim Superintendent Frank Fournier to sign the contract to pay for the UIC.

Commissioner Ollerhead motioned to give approval to give the authority to Interim Superintendent Frank Fournier to sign the contract to pay for the UIC. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion All in favor:
Scott Ollerhead-aye
Steve Bishop-aye
Luke Grant-aye
So, Voted.

Well Replacement: -

A discussion about the decline in production at two of the town's largest wells ensued. It has been determined the best option is to seek a new point location for both wells #5 and #6 which would be broken down into five separate phases per well. The Board realizes the need for immediate action based on prior discussions with Frank Fournier. The Board would like to move forward with an article on the town meeting in June, to ask for the funds for phase 1 and 2 which have a preliminary cost estimate of around \$90,000.00.

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VHB: -

Discussion about additional expenses charged to Norton Water for professional services between Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. and The Town of Norton. The Water and Sewer departments portion of the total bill is \$10,050.00.

Commissioner Ollerhead motioned to accept the portion of the cost. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion. All in favor:

Scott Ollerhead-aye

Steve Bishop-aye

Luke Grant-aye

So, Voted.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

The Board accepted the minutes from the previous meeting on 3/26/2019 approved as submitted

Luke Grant-aye

Scott Ollerhead-aye

Steve Bishop-aye

Next Board meetings scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 24th

Monday, May 13th.

Meeting adjourned

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

Board Meeting Held: 4/9/2019

Respectfully submitted,



Interim Superintendent


Luke Grant, Chairman

4/24/19
Date Approved

Steve Bishop, Clerk

Date Approved


Scott Ollerhead, Member

4/24/19
Date Approved