

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
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7:03 p.m. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Luke Grant, Scott Ollerhead Present. Fran Yanuskiewicz, Steve Pederson present from Weston and Sampson. Interim Superintendent Frank Fournier present.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous Board meeting on April 9, 2019 were read, approved and signed as submitted.

Town Hall Outstanding Bill: A discussion about an outstanding bill in the amount of \$10,381.92 for the Town is past due to the Water Department. The Water Department paid this bill and sent a request for reimbursement on 9/26/18. A second invoice was sent to the town on 3/8/19 at the request of Commissioner Luke Grant. Frank was asked to follow up with Mike Yunits and the Board is requesting immediate action with a payment or a solution to follow by 5/15/2019.

Commissioner Ollerhead motioned, seconded by Commissioner Grant. All in favor:

Scott Ollerhead-aye

Luke Grant -aye

So, voted.

West Main Sewer: Letters from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, signed by Chairman Luke Grant and a letter of support from State Representative Steven Howitt will be forwarded to the State to show support for the night work on Rt.123.

Norton Rail Trails: Explained from a previous meeting the relocation of a couple hydrants in the area of the rail trail. New hydrants will be provided by the Norton Water Department. Also, we had a discussion about a letter explaining the clearing and trimming of vegetation on the existing trail and the use of specific chemicals to inhibit new growth.

Bay Road Solar: Frank explained that the water department received a specific request for information about soil conditions in and around the well areas pertaining to the depth of the impermeable layers from Next Sun Energy. This request was to help determine the effects that driven piles may have on wells of any abutters to the proposed solar farm and the potential to have negative impacts on these wells. No information was released.

Bay Road Truck Stop: Luke explained the subject of a letter he received from the City of Taunton Planning Board in which they have granted a special permit to proceed with the convenience store, car wash, truck stop on Bay Road.

Rt.123 Water Improvements: Frank explained he received the cost estimate for the Water Dept. from VHB which is significantly lower than our in-house estimate drawn up by Weston and Sampson. Frank explained he has reached out to Jamie Pisano from VHB to discuss the large variance.

Warrant Article-June S.T.M.: Frank explained to the Board although we submitted a warrant article request for test well drilling and permitting based on the Phase 1 & 2 proposal from Weston & Sampson, Mike Yunits felt it was unnecessary.

Frank explained after a few discussions with Mr. Yunits it was determined that the water department should move forward with the investigative work at Wells 5 and 6 utilizing FY19 line item "In House Water Projects". Mike told Frank that he will not be submitting the warrant article request and that he will authorize the water department to use funds from its FY19 budget and that he will sign any PO's or contracts as needed to pay for phase 1 and phase 2.

The Board agreed to move forward with phase 1 and 2. A contract and PO will be required. The Board requested the contract be available for execution at the next meeting.

Rt 123 Sewer Project: Steve Pederson advised the Board that changes have been made to the design of the Sewer Pump Station and wet well based on a meeting last week with Frank and Howard.

The sewer project has been posted by Rose Melito on the Comm Buys as well as in the Sun Chronicle news paper and is listed in the Central Registry.

A pre bid meeting will be held at Town Hall on Friday April 26, 2019 and the bid opening will be held at the Norton Water Department on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 11:00 am.

At the following Water Board meeting scheduled for May 13, 2019 we will discuss the results of the bids and if additional money may need to be borrowed. Additional costs will be primarily based on the additional work required by Mass DOT for paving and night work.

Weston and Sampson: Presented a construction services contract for the Rt.123 Sewer project.

Commissioner Ollerhead motioned to approve the contract in the amount of \$470,000.00. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion. All in favor:

Scott Ollerhead-aye

Luke Grant -aye

So, voted.

Abraham Rate Study: In the next two weeks we will be setting a date to look at future capital improvement projects to determine an adjustment for water rates. As per a previous discussion the rate increase will coincide with the opening of the new water treatment facility.

Treatment Plant Building -Plaque: It was brought to the attention of the Board that there should be some thought given as to who has recognition on the sign to be hung outside the plant.

Water Main Projects: Again, a discussion that the Pine St. and Holmes St. water main replacements are still in the design phase but moving forward. It may be in the best interest of the department to hold off on the Pine St. project until the Route 123 sewer is completed to ease with traffic.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

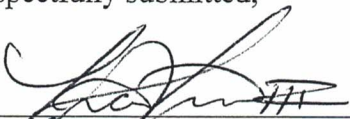
Next meeting scheduled for May 13, 2019 and we will be inviting the Selectmen and the Finance Committee to discuss the Route 123 sewer bids.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.

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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

Board Meeting Held: 2/24/2019

Respectfully submitted,



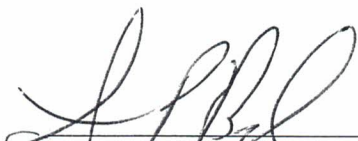
Interim Superintendent



Luke Grant, Chairman

5/13/19

Date Approved



Steve Bishop, Clerk

5/13/19

Date Approved



Scott Ollerhead, Member

5/13/19

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