

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
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Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm, at Norton Town Hall

Commissioners: Luke Grant, Steve Bishop and Scott Ollerhead present. Also, present Town Manager Mike Yunits, Interim Superintendent Frank Fournier, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Steve Pederson from Weston And Sampson.

Re-Organization: Commissioner Steve Bishop motioned that Luke Grant be named Chairman seconded by Commissioner Scott Ollerhead. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Bishop – aye

Scott Ollerhead – aye

Luke Grant – aye

So voted.

Commissioner Scott Ollerhead motioned that Steve Bishop be named Clerk seconded by Commissioner Luke Grant. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant - aye

Scott Ollerhead – aye

Steve Bishop – aye

So voted.

123 West Main St. Sewer: Luke began a discussion about the results from last Thursdays (5/9/2019) bid opening. He explained how close the bid amounts were and the fact that there were only three (3) bidders which shows that Weston and Sampson described the project with great detail. Unfortunately, the bid amounts came back higher than originally anticipated. It is a contractor's market right now and many projects are bid above the original estimated amounts. We will need to discuss how to fund the difference of 1.5M.

Fran explained the reasons why the project has gone above the original estimates, largely based on extra requirements set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Paving and temporary paving are one of the largest single items increases in addition to night work, and emergency services (police and of fire department details).

Fran continued to explain possible options and distributed a fact sheet explaining the costs.

West Main Street Sewer Project summary of project financing.

| | Capital cost | Annual cost |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| To show the total cost of | \$5,700,000.00. | |
| less DHCD commitment of \$1,376,000.00(1) | | |
| subtotal | \$4,324,000.00 | |
| less school's contribution \$1,413,600.00 (2) | | \$88,100.00 |
| subtotal | \$2,910,400.00 | |

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| less sewer betterments | \$1,590,000.00 (3) | \$103,880.00 |
| remaining cost to be | | |
| financed through other | \$1,320,400.00 | \$82,300.00 (4) |
| means. | | |

- (1) Letter dated April 20, 2018 from DHCD- Jennifer Maddox, Acting Under Secretary based on the DHCD grant to the Housing Authority for construction plus the Sewer Connection fee.
- (2) Calculation of school's contribution based on 24.8% of project cost based on flow.
- (3) Sewer betterments assessed based on \$15,000 per sewer unit and estimated 106 units.
- (4) Possible options to finance this remaining cost – Incremental APN payment above the \$200,000/year base year payments; Apply a portion of the indirect costs to the Sewer Department; Seek added funding from MA DHCD.

Discussion continued, Fran reminded everyone this project was proposed by the Board who understood the concerns that the DCHD and The Norton Schools could benefit based on the facts that both of their failing infrastructures needed repair or replacement. DCHD (120 West Main Street), the Norton Schools who currently have a sewer treatment plant that has numbers too high for DEP and Wheaton College will benefit for the repairs to the roads on Filmore Drive. The Board needs to decide if they want to proceed based on the new cost amount. The Board understands the reasons for the increase in cost, although they don't like the increase, they understand the potential of putting off the project could have the potential to show a larger increase. The Board has agreed to propose this new amount to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen. With their approval, the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners will move the article to town meeting to let the towns people decide.

Break to finance committee meeting-

East Main Street (Route 123) Transportation Improvement Project: Frank Fournier approached the Finance Committee with an estimated amount to fill in the place holder he asked for during a previous Capital and Finance meeting. This amount needed is for water improvements to be completed by a VHB contractor prior to the Route 123 water project. The scope of work will include connections of side road water mains over to the 16" water main, service connections, fire sprinkler connections and fire hydrants all to be discontinued from the old main and connected to the newer 16" water main with additional hydrants being added and also additional in line gate valves. This will also include the cut and cap of the old water main and removal of old fire hydrants on the abandoned water main.

The participating items construction cost estimate is \$620,000.00, although we have been advised by Jamie Pisano from VHB to ask for \$700,000.00 for any unforeseen issues.

This amount is to be added to Article 12 of the town meeting agenda.

West Main Street Sewer (Route 123): Steve Pederson and Luke Grant both approached the Finance Committee to discuss the changes in the cost for the sewer project. Steve handed out a short power point presentation to all the committee members and explained how we got to where we are now to bring new members up to speed and refresh everyone's memory. After a lengthy discussion with explanation's

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and options the Finance Committee voted and approved the additional \$1,500,000.00 to be added to the already approved \$4,200,000.00 for a total amount of \$5,700,000.00. The Board of Commissioners and Weston and Sampson will need to meet next with the Selectmen for their approval prior to Town Meeting schedule for May 15, 2019.

Return from finance committee meeting-

Superintendent Updates: Frank Fournier shared with the Board a copy of a letter that Foxboro Commissioners have agreed their water, reuse and sewer rate increase will not exceed 8% which will be discussed at a rate hearing May 21, 2019.

Frank shared with the Board a letter from Condyne Capital Partners, LLC stating that on April 30, 2019 the Norton Conservation Committee denied the approval of two (2) of the proposed buildings, building #5 and building #7. Although they plan to appeal, they state this puts the entire project in jeopardy of being constructed.

Frank advised the Board of the new estimated costs for the Route 123 water improvements. The new adjusted amount is \$620,000.00 but we have been told to ask for \$700,000.00 in case of any unforeseen issues.

138 Barrows Street: Frank explained to the Board that a letter addressed to Luke Grant that was sent to the department with regard to 138 Barrows Street. (old Tweave Mfg.) In January the water department was aware and looking for a large water leak indicated by our primary operator who was monitoring the Scada system. After an extensive search of the town Frank found the leak at the old Tweave Mfg. building. The water was flowing through the walls and had flooded the back-parking area. The water department responded and turned the domestic water service off. The fire department was called and they turned off all the PIV which turned off the fire suppression system. The building inspector and the owner were notified and the water has remained off since January 24, 2019.

The owner is requesting a reduction in his water bill for the sprinkler charge because services are not being utilized at this location. Frank explained to the Board there is still a minimum charge for any connection to a dwelling regardless of usage. The Board agrees and would like the office administrator to write a letter advising the property owner that the bill is due in full as a minimum charge for having a sprinkler service. The Board also highly recommends the repairs to the systems take place immediately.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting May 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

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

Board Meeting Held: 5-13-2019

Respectfully submitted,



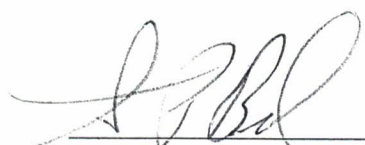
Interim Superintendent



Luke Grant, Chairman

5/28/19

Date Approved



Steve Bishop, Clerk

5/28/19

Date Approved

Scott Ollerhead, Member

Date Approved