

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
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Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm – Norton Public Library

Commissioners: Luke Grant, Steve Bishop and Scott Ollerhead present.

Also, present Interim Superintendent Frank Fournier

Fran Yanuskiewicz, Ryan Henley and Steve Pedersen from Weston And Sampson.

Paul Cappelletti from John Rocchio Corp.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous Board meeting on May 28, 2019 were read, approved and signed as submitted.

Superintendent updates: Frank presented the Board with a contract agreement for engineering services from Weston and Sampson. Stage 1 and 2, which will cover drilling test sites, developing and permitting as the first stages of the well replacement project for wells 5 and 6. The fee for these services will come from a line item in the current FY19 budget approved by Town Manager, Mike Yunits.

Commissioner Steve Bishop motioned to approve; Commissioner Scott Ollerhead seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant - aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Scott Ollerhead - aye

So, voted.

Frank explained the proposed site for the new Cumberland Farms is looking for information about the new sewer line that will be passing by their location at 60 West Main Street. Construction there may be delayed based on a restriction on the property, which falls in a Zone 3 protection area. They are currently meeting with multiple Boards to determine the outcome. Luke mentioned the proposed gas station complex site on Bay Road which is also in a protected area. Frank explained they are in a protected zone but could not remember the exact zone they would be under. That zone is in Taunton not Norton but is one of the reasons they had proposed above ground fuel storage tanks. Frank will be investigating the previous minutes to remind the Board which zone they are located in.

Frank explained the current situation with our intermunicipal water connections with neighboring municipalities. Currently our water is stable but very limited for a few reasons. The current conditions of our wells and the slow rate in which we can remove the water from the ground, and the fact that the timing of the treatment plant and the scheduled well cleanings based on the treatment plant schedule means taking wells offline during peak demand months.

We may have to look to our emergency connections. Our connection with Mansfield is not a current option as they have a leak they need to repair and want to ask for water from Norton. We are waiting to hear back from the Mayor in Attleboro about the possibility of Norton purchasing water if necessary, should an emergency arise. Mass DEP would be involved to determine what sample requirements are for different source connections. The previous Attleboro Mayor was asked about the sale of water to Norton a few years ago and he decided not to pursue that option. Steve Bishop will follow up with him to see if there were any specific reasons why he did not allow this.

Frank suggested to the Board added outdoor water use restrictions. He proposed a draft notification that we can post on the town webpages and possibly on the message boards. We would be asking residents to limit their outdoor water use during the summer months and during the construction of our new water treatment facility. Also, a reminder to residents that under our Rules and Regulations section 2.13 no sprinklers or irrigation systems of any kind are allowed to be connected to the municipal water system. The Board agreed we need to post the letter as drafted and enforce the Rules and Regulations. There will be one verbal notice to a person found in violation then the penalties will be enforced.

Frank explained in our current state it would not be the best option for the water department to take a well offline to pump to waste. This was the original plan for the treatment plant which would use water from well 4 to check for leaks and make sure the pumps are operational and this water would then go to waste. I have amended the current treatment plant schedule and we will continue with the scheduled well cleaning at well 4 but we will reinstall our existing pump in order to pump back into our distribution system and not to waste. We can still provide water to the treatment plant with a fire hose connection to allow for continued testing. At a later date we will have the well company return to pull the pump and install the new low head pump to connect to the treatment plant.

I would also like the Board to consider a two-month (60 day) extension to the contract at no cost, based on the unfortunate timing of the scheduled well cleanings and the lack of staff currently in place to run the treatment plant. Now would be the time to implement this as to avoid an issue later that the town may be delaying the contractor from completion which then gives the contractor the right for legal action, possibly monetary compensation, against the town.

Commissioner Steve Bishop motioned to approve; Commissioner Scott Ollerhead seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant - aye

Steve Bishop - aye

Scott Ollerhead - aye

So, voted.

During the meeting Luke received a message from Diane McElligott to inform the Board that the MFN bill was sent by mail and not by email. At the request of the MFN can the Board agree to pay this as soon as we receive it as to not delay the closing of the books for the fiscal year.

Commissioner Scott Ollerhead motioned to approve, Commissioner Steve Bishop Seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant - aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Scott Ollerhead - aye

So, voted.

Open public informational meeting 7:00pm:

Steve Pedersen opened the meeting thanking everyone for coming and began with an introduction including the members of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, the Interim Superintendent and the members present from Weston and Sampson. Also Mr. Paul Cappelletti from John Rocchio Corp. Steve Pedersen then explained the logistics of the Sewer project scheduled for West Main Street, Taunton Ave. and Filmore Drive.

Explanations about why and how the night work will play a large role in the progress of this project, including the many requirements that are in place for this type of work because it is in a State roadway. Also explained were some of the issues we have had to overcome during the last 3 years. It was explained that the contractor has to meet and follow the Rules and Regulations of the Mass DOT.

Descriptions and explanations of how sewer laterals will be left on the home owners property and that a representative from Weston And Sampson will be making appointments to help with choosing the best location for the homeowners sewer stub for the easiest connection to the homeowners pipes which will be made later by a private contractor that the homeowner will choose and hire. A list of approved licensed contractors /drain layers will be available from the Water and Sewer Department.

The Board explained the current estimate for the betterment is under \$16,000 and less than 3% interest on a 20-year loan. The options will be to pay the betterment off when it is due or allow it to defer to the tax bill.

Betterments are assessed when the project reaches full completion.

The tie in is required within 5 years of the completion of the project.

Sewer use charges are billed quarterly and based on water consumption. Like water there is a minimum quarterly sewer charge.

Weston and Sampson believe the first connections may be allowed in or around April 2020.

It was explained there is a permit fee of \$250 for the connection and trench inspection which is due at the time the drain layer submits the sewer tie in application.

There is a charge from the Board of Health for an inspection and witness of the septic tank being crushed and filled in, this is a requirement of the BOH.

No further questions from the public – Steve Pedersen and Commissioner Grant thanked everyone for their attendance.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting: *scheduled for June 25th at 6:30pm.*

Motion to adjourn:

Commissioner Steve Bishop motioned; Commissioner Scott Ollerhead seconded the motion.

All in favor:

Luke Grant - aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Scott Ollerhead - aye

So, voted.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.



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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Francis J. Fournier, III, Superintendent

Luke Grant, Chairman

Steve Bishop, Clerk

Scott Ollerhead, Member