

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
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Meeting called to order - 6:38 pm

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

Also, present Superintendent Frank Fournier
Fran Yanuskiewicz from Weston & Sampson.

Minutes - The minutes from the previous Board meeting held on June 11, 2019 were read, approved and signed as submitted.

Superintendent updates - Frank presented a question to the Board about past practice for upgrades to an existing water service.

60 West Main St. - has applied for a 2" water service and sent a check for the full amount. Frank explained in the past if there is an existing water service to a property the owner of the property should only be required to pay the difference in fees. For example, this property has an existing $\frac{3}{4}$ " water service, this service would cost \$3,500.

A new 2" water service is \$10,600, so the difference owed would be \$7,100. With the stipulation that the contractor doing the excavation agrees to disconnect the old service by turning off the corporation stop and removing the old $\frac{3}{4}$ " water line. The new service would be over a few feet on the main and tapped as needed. The water department does not tap mains for anything larger than a 1". The Board agreed that this is the best and most fair way to do business, and asks that the office follow up with the owner and explain the reason for the reduced amount.

North Cottage - After meeting Mr. Salvo on site to review potential options for two existing buildings that need to add fire sprinkler lines, Frank asked the Board their opinion on the scenarios discussed with Mr. Salvo. Frank presented to the Board one option is to have one larger main come in off of East Main Street and split into two with the proper valves to each dwelling, although this is not allowed based on our current rules and regulations. The second option is to have two separate lines off of East Main Street, one to each building. A third option mentioned by the Board is a fire loop, which is two taps off of East Main Street and appropriate valving to each dwelling.

Frank explained he will follow up with Mr. Salvo and he can come before the Board with a proposed plan and drawing for what he feels he is capable of installing based on the existing site conditions and other utilities already in place.

North Cottage - Frank explained upon further investigation after discussions with Rose in the office she had located a prior outstanding bill for the last fire service connection that was made to building #75 ½, previously negotiated with the Board and Mr. Laurence Schneider.

This bill is for a 6" service line, the sprinkler permit fee and the 2yr annual fee (4") with a total owed of \$31,750.00.

This outstanding bill dates back to August 3, 2016 and states "In the fall of 2013 the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners granted North Cottage a stay of fees until such time they implemented a new fee structure with the agreement to back charge accordingly. At their public meeting held July 13, 2016 an annual sprinkler fee was voted into effect."

Payment was not received. A misunderstanding may have taken place when a representative from North Cottage called Rose and stated Mr. Schneider passed away and wanted clarification of this bill dated 8/3/16 concerned it was going to be an annual cost. He was told no this was a onetime fee, the annual cost going forward would be \$500.00 which is on the quarterly water bill.

This fire sprinkler charge (\$31,750.00) would not be found on the water bills. These fees are specific and related to the fire suppression system, and the amounts are committed to the account after a request/permit and a check has been sent to the department.

The Board understood where the potential error could have taken place.

At this time the fees are still owed to the department and must be paid in full prior to any other work will be allowed to proceed.

Letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Frank received a letter requesting that some wording be changed on the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) that was submitted from Weston and Sampson for the Water Treatment Plant after it was reviewed by the MHC (Massachusetts Historical Commission). A copy was scanned over to Weston and Sampson for review and revision.

System Update - Frank explained that Well #4 is back online after a very successful cleaning and we have substantial gains. We were valved off and running at 200GPM (gallons per minute) at 11.1 GPF (gallons per foot) in the well. After cleaning and developing the well the return was 34.7 GPF and we are currently running conservatively at 350 GPM. This additional flow did disrupt our sensitive distribution system and created some discolored water which we had to go out and low flow a few hydrants to remedy the issue.

The center elevated 367,000-gallon tank is scheduled for an annual cleaning which will begin on July 8th.

The Board was advised that we have posted (in many places) a request for residents to limit the outdoor water usage during our transition period with well and tank cleanings during our high demand time. This is posted on the town hall electronic sign, on the town website and on the

water departments electronic mobile sign. Frank had asked the Board if we should ask Commissioner Scott Ollerhead to use the Norton Emergency One call to notify residents.

We will also be enforcing the rules and regulations with tickets after the first verbal warning.

We will determine when we need to patrol based on temperature and our Scada trends.

West Main St. Sewer – Fran explained the Board will need to make some decisions soon as to what the percent will be for the low interest loans and the length of term they will allow. Betterments can then be accurately assessed; most are not assessed until either 50% completion or at the end of the project.

Continued discussion about issues with obtaining the Mass DOT permit with the traffic plan.

The Holmes Street water main project should go out to bid in August.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting: scheduled for July 9th 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 9:10 p.m.



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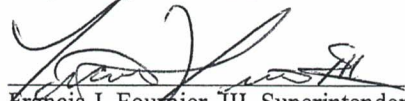
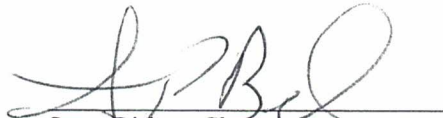
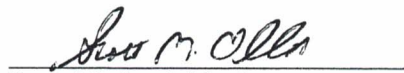
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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD: 6/25/2019

Respectfully submitted,


Francis J. Fournier, III, Superintendent
Luke Grant, Chairman
Steve Bishop, Clerk
Scott Ollerhead, Member