

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
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Meeting called to order: 6:35 pm, at Water/Sewer Building 166 John Scott Blvd, Norton MA

Commissioners: Luke Grant, Steve Bishop and Scott Ollerhead present. Also, present Superintendent Frank Fournier, and Fran Yanuskiewicz from Weston & Sampson.

Superintendent Updates:

Superintendent Fournier stated the Cottage Street tank drain valve had ruptured Sunday July 14th (most likely from freezing in the winter). Superintendent Fournier responded with some personnel and the Fire Department. Commissioner Steve Bishop helped locate the valve in question for replacement and they were able to get it back on line the same day. Superintendent Fournier also stated the tank is from 1958 and this is another reason for infrastructure improvements. He added the center tank will be going out for cleaning at the end of the month.

Manganese paperwork had to be sent out again due to the exceedance that is just over the action level for DEP. It was only at two of the sites for the past quarter (April, May & June). Samples taken were for wells # 1 & # 5 the only two sites that exceeded. It has been publicly posted as of today (newspaper) and at Town Hall had it Thursday & Friday. Commissioner Luke Grant stated the numbers are close to passing, however they are just over and reporting is still required. Superintendent Fournier stated that this was also during the flushing program, where it's typical to see these high amounts as you start stirring things up and pulling from areas that you don't normally with your longer run times on the wells. He added the goal is to see these sources sample results come down once it goes through the water treatment plant which will remove the iron and manganese.

Superintendent Fournier stated applications for both the Water Technician position and the Assistant Water Superintendent have been slow to come in. A few in house employees have expressed interest, however they do not meet all the qualifications but may be able to move towards those goals. Additional suggestions were asked for posting the positions besides what is currently posted (New England Water Works, Plymouth County & The Sun Chronicle). Fran Yanuskiewicz suggested also posting positions on APWA.

North Cottage – from previous 7-9-19 meeting:

Commissioner Luke Grant addressed both Bob Salvo & Jeremiah from North Cottage. According to the Commissioner the paperwork dating back from 2013 was reviewed and the bill of \$31,750 will have to be paid. Commissioner Luke Grant reiterated from the previous meeting, to not having new regulations at that time (2013) and to avoid anyone from being penalized going with the old fee schedule, which was somewhat more prohibited than what is in place now. It was decided to wait at that time, and unfortunately the wait was longer than anticipated. Ultimately the bill needs to be paid. Commissioner Luke Grant added when North Cottage does the new sprinkler taps there are fees for each that will be due. A loop system however is not required. More discussion took place regarding flow tests, records and tap fee for the two inch line that supplies the other building. Bob Salvo proposed to the Board to move forward and waive the fee. Commissioner Luke Grant stated we don't have the authority. Salvo then read an old memo regarding pressurized tanks and more discussion ensued. Salvo also questioned if the Board had considered utilizing North Cottage's private sewer line. Commissioner Luke Grant stated that it would not benefit the Water or Sewer Department at this time, however the Town Hall may be

interested in connecting to the private sewer line as an option for them. Further discussion took place on the proposed project, flow tests and an internal audit.

Superintendent Updates cont.:

Superintendent Fournier continued with his update and briefly discussed Article 97 and the different land swaps. The town is requesting to install a municipal parking lot on Water Dept. owned land behind the Trent Memorial Park. Fournier stated we would require a utility easement for this property there is a water main and water service for CVS that are located here. A land swap was an option. It was determined that it would be challenging at this time, however still something to be looked at.

Rate Study update:

Mark Abrahams & Matt Abrahams both presented to the Board capital items, capital plan and the borrowing of \$2,000,000 (water infrastructure). Spread sheets were then reviewed and highlighted key areas discussed such as revenues, capital plan, existing debt, schedule C, new debt, borrowing schedule, authorizations, staffing, charges & expenditures. Fran Yanuskiewicz discussed the need to raise money and rate increase. A work session is to be scheduled on an off week.

Weston & Sampson Report:

Fran Yanuskiewicz reported that both DHCD & the Housing Authority have signed the changed agreement. Also a meeting took place with Town Accountant, Town Treasurer, Rose, Frank and the Administrator to review of all the finances for the Department. Wheaton College has agreed to pay for the work. The electrical lines and water mains were located. The Contractor should start digging 7-24-19. Mass DOT wants a day's notice.

Next meetings August 6, 2019 & August 20, 2019

Motion to adjourn made Commissioner Steve Bishop, Commissioner Scott Ollerhead seconded the motion.

Luke Grant – aye
Steve Bishop – aye
Scott Ollerhead – aye
All in favor:

8:01 p.m.



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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD: July 23, 19

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Bernardo, Minutes Recorder

Luke Grant, Chairman

Steve Bishop, Clerk

Scott Ollerhead, Member