

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
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Meeting called to order: 6:42 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Updates: Superintendent Fournier stated scheduled tank cleaning had to be held off, due to cell tower work. The size of the crane was much larger than anticipated and space was limited. This situation worked in the departments favor because of a major pipe disruption (pipe let go on Old Taunton Ave) The repair was made by two other employees and Superintendent Fournier who came in during the emergency. Continued flushing to remove any color in the water also took place. Superintendent Fournier stated communications were inundated with calls. It was requested to post a public notification which was done with the assistance of Commissioner Scott Ollerhead. Superintendent Fournier stated that if anyone wants to receive the Norton Alerts, they can sign up by visiting the Town website. Commissioner Steve Bishop asked how residents are notified. Commissioner Scott Ollerhead explained the current 500 residents signed up for water & sewer alerts were notified by email and a voice message. Continued discussion took place regarding the repair, communications received and follow up after the repair.

Superintendent Fournier reminded the Board of the plaque for the treatment plant and asked since progression towards completion of the plant is near, who's name or titles should be on it. Fran Yanuskiewicz stated usual names on plaques include City Commissioners, the Superintendent, Contractor's firm name, Engineer's firm name and sometimes other names such as the Town Manager. Superintendent Fournier mentioned possibly using the Great Woods Sewer Station plaque as a template. Continued discussion took place regarding plaque specifics and the short timeline for completion.

The Department received a certified letter from the SBA Tower Company. A discussion took place regarding the money still owed to the Water Department from the Town for the utility bill, name change on bill, overcharge dispute, lease agreement and an internal audit. Superintendent Fournier stated this matter has been forwarded to the Town Administrator and Town Counsel for review.

Superintendent Fournier stated in the upcoming weeks the department will be looking to rent a large excavator to begin the pipe install for Well # 3. Continued discussion took place regarding temporary and permanent filtration plants, DEP & Conservation approvals, the remaining wells, overall water quality, pump to waste and DEP recommendations of sub basin minimization plan. Superintendent Fournier plans to set up a meeting with DEP. Commissioner Luke Grant recommended sending correspondence to Lakeville DEP outlining bullet points that would assist with the background.

The Department received a letter from the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Town Manager, wondering if the Board would be interested in adopting the Towns remote participation for meetings. Commissioner Scott Ollerhead explained this is a way members can remotely attend public meetings. First step is to see if committees are interested and then place in the technology. Members decided to table this item.

Update on the bid opening for the Holmes Street and East Main Street Finalization Project. There were 6 bidders in total with the highest bid at \$345,960.52 and the lowest at \$246,673.92. Gravity Construction was awarded.

Weston & Sampson Report: Fran Yanuskiewicz reported on the water rate study. All the data points are accurate, done and ready for alternatives for a rate increase. Also discussed were the capital improvements, such as Reservoir Street, Holmes Street, Pine Street and East Main Street. In addition to that Fran Yanuskiewicz mentioned the Master Plan and the capital improvements and reviewed the data from the previously work session with the proposed rate increases with different options. Commissioner Luke Grant stated the 3rd option seems easier based on the small increments, Commissioner Steve Bishop agreed. After continued discussion it was determined to hold a public hearing at the Library with proper notice. In completion of the drinking water report Fran Yanuskiewicz briefly touched base on Holmes Street bidding, the Master Plan, Wells # 4,5 & 6, Water Management Act and Pine Street.

Wastewater: Fran Yanuskiewicz reported the first check from the Housing Authority came in for West Main Street (\$235,800). SRF Loan Agreement should be in place (Clean Water Trust). The first project meeting on Wheaton College, utilities have been located and Mass DOT has given the o.k. to work during the day to cut the road and dig some test pits, but majority of the work will be done at night. Lights will be there for safety.

Next meeting August 27, 2019 at the Norton Public Library

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

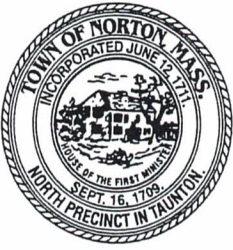
All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Scott Ollerhead – aye

7:52 p.m.



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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD: 8-6-19

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Bernardo, Minutes Recorder

Luke Grant, Chairman

Steve Bishop, Clerk

Scott Ollerhead, Member