

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
September 10, 2019

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Meeting called to order: 6:30 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, Steve Pederson and Fran Yanuskiewicz from Weston & Sampson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Updates: Superintendent Fournier stated three days in September (24th, 25th & 26th) have been scheduled for three separate fire pump flow tests. All though there is no particular good time according to the Superintendent, having the fire pump test and clean up afterwards can be a means to utilize a small system flush. Superintendent Fournier further explained each scheduled day, locations, water quality, responding to calls and the test itself. Commissioner Grant asked how we were going to communicate this information to the public. Commissioner Ollerhead mentioned to send an alert a day prior. Superintendent Fournier stated the information would also be posted on the Town website, the Sun Chronicle and the Norton news media page. Commissioner Bishop asked if the companies pay for the notifications and if an email blast can be sent out. It was determined the companies pay, and that the alert messages can be received by text, call or email.

Superintendent Fournier explained the center tank cleaning and schedule. The tank was off line for 3 days. There was Fifteen (15) inches of sediment which figures out to be one (1) inch a month. Voluntary samples were taken and were clear.

Superintendent Fournier attended the Conservation Commission on 9/9/19 regarding the Condyne project on Leonard Street. A discussion on replacing culverts took place and the impact it may have on the existing water main there. Superintendent Fournier asked for the Boards thoughts and recommendations on what needs to be done there. It was determined to use valve controls, new piping and insulation. Furthermore the engineer would be consulted on the use of insulation of the culverts. Superintendent Fournier would draft an order of condition.

Superintendent Fournier asked for the Boards thoughts for submitting an article for a sewer building. This was previously requested during the May Town meeting, however not approved to move forward. There is a Special Town Meeting coming up on 10/21/19. Superintendent Fournier was looking for 3 new quotes and the existing funding. The Superintendent explained the purpose of the building and the importance to the Department. He also explained the overall spacing and the enterprise accounts. The approximate cost could range between \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Superintendent Fournier explained in detail the new treatment plant and schedule. A production meeting was conducted on 9/10/19. Superintendent Fournier stated things are moving along and reviewed the gas lines, chem feed lines, gutters, valve controls, 2nd drying bed, windows, existing change orders, staffing, wells and the wells gpm requirement (500 gpm minimum).

Weston & Sampson Report: Steve Pederson gave an update regarding the Wheaton College project and wetland concerns, temporary paving, traffic loops, meeting with the Housing Authority, SRF reimbursement & payment requisitions, and the bi-weekly meetings to keep people up to date.

Fran Yanuskiewicz reported on the water rate during the Public Hearing. The rates were discussed thoroughly however a formal vote was still needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bishop for the water rate.

(1/1/2020) Minimum quarterly charge for water usage \$43.75 with Metered water rates & Capital charge

(7/1/2020) Minimum quarterly charge for water usage \$57.75 with Metered water rates & Capital charge

(Enclosed water rate form)

Commissioner Scott Ollerhead seconded the motion.

All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Scott Ollerhead – aye

Fran Yanuskiewicz distributed the work session folders and packets for the Thursday 9/12/19 work session meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding the water purification machine. Commissioner Grant stated it was reliable and encouraged people to use it properly and responsibly.

Next meeting September 24, 2019

Also discussed before adjourning the meeting was Plymouth County Water Works possibly touring the new treatment plant when it becomes operational, and the plaque for the treatment plant (size and spelling) & the ribbon cutting.

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

7:57 p.m.

Proposed Water Rates

Proposed (1/1/2020)

- ▶ Minimum quarterly charge for Water Usage is \$43.75
- ▶ Metered Water Rates
 - ▶ 0 - 400 cf \$35.00
 - ▶ 500 - 2,000 cf \$3.37/100 cf
 - ▶ Above 2,000 cf \$5.25/100 cf
- ▶ Capital Charge = 25% of water charge

Proposed (7/1/2020)*

- ▶ Minimum quarterly charge for Water Usage is \$57.75
- ▶ Metered Water Rates
 - ▶ 0 - 400 cf \$46.20
 - ▶ 500 - 2,000 cf \$3.71/100 cf
 - ▶ Above 2,000 cf \$5.78/100 cf
- ▶ Capital Charge = 25% of water charge

*increases lowest tier by 20% plus 10% increase across all three tiers annually



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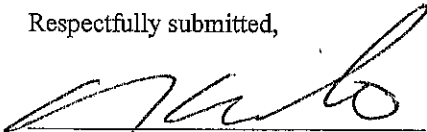
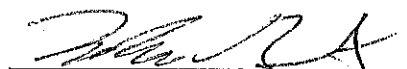


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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD:

Sept 10, 19

Respectfully submitted,


Kevin Bernardo, Minutes Recorder
Luke Grant, Chairman
Steve Bishop, Clerk
Scott Ollerhead, Member