

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766  
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Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm, at Water/Sewer Building 166 John Scott Blvd, Norton MA

Commissioners: Luke Grant, and Steven Bishop present. Also present Superintendent Frank Fournier, and Tara McManus & Steve Pederson from Weston & Sampson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Updates: Superintendent Fournier followed up on the emergency call out rate change that was discussed a previous meeting. Superintendent Fournier stated that the rate increase will also affect the charges for Fire Pump Tests & Fire Hydrant Flow Tests.

After some discussion Commissioner Bishop motioned to raise the emergency call rate of \$175.00 to \$250.00.

Commissioner Grant seconded the motion.

All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steven Bishop – aye

Commissioner Grant addressed a recent scheduled hydrant test (Fire Suppression Co.) conducted without the Departments Technicians being present. A discussion took place regarding the need for the Department to be present. Also discussed, if rules & regulations should be added to prevent companies from conducting tests without the Departments presence and over site.

Superintendent Fournier stated lead and copper sample letters are going out this week. There will be 12 more sites, and the sample bottles will be going out on 11/4/19 for a 11/5/19 pickup.

Superintendent Fournier stated that there were a few more hydrant flow tests scheduled for locations that need sprinklers.

6:45 p.m. Hearing for 23 Reservoir Street (excessive water usage letter). Owner Greg Vincent Was present to discuss. According to Mr. Vincent he was notified from the Department regarding the heavy usage. It was then determined, with assistance from a Department employee that a water line leading to an in-ground pool at the property was leaking. Due to the heavy usage the water bill totaled \$2,700.00. Mr. Vincent made a request to lower the bill, however it was decided that leak was after the meter and the Board had to be fair and consistent with all other residents. It was then decided to divide the bill into payments to make it easier for Mr. Vincent.

Superintendent Fournier stated that the water treatment plant internal applications have come in for the positions that have been approved. Superintendent Fournier will review the scope of work, hours of operations and responsibilities further. Employees are to be made aware of new titles and duties. Superintendent Fournier also has reached out to the union to fill the remaining open positions with in house postings first.

Superintendent Fournier stated a few estimates have been received for the upgrades to the garage (short in electric). \$3,500.00 is needed for circuits, receptacles, exterior plugs, breakers and improvements.

**Weston & Sampson Sewer Report:** Steve Pederson stated that the sewer project is moving along, and that the second crew has come in. He also explained the progress, schedule, mark outs, gas mains, water mains, traffic loops, service connections and shutting down for the season and returning in the spring of 2020. More discussion continued regarding the drain piping, the pay requisition (\$126,000.00), SRF reimbursement request, DHCD money, Housing Authority, Mass DOT holiday schedule and safe precautions on staging for motorcycles and individuals along Veterans Day parade route.

**Weston & Sampson Water Report:** Tara McManus reported on some projects. The Pine Street project went before the Conservation Commission and they received an order of conditions and this will be ready to go out to bid with a deadline of April 15, 2020. Conditions were in regards to the protected turtles and Natural Heritage. Tara McManus also discussed Holmes Street and East Main Street projects, a water main break at Norton Glen, and the stained seal coated driveway complaint. Further discussion on how to remedy the staining, such as street sweeping with water to place. Tara McManus also explained that Mass Dot has to do the final close out paperwork for the Reservoir Street project. She also discussed the water treatment plant, logistics, well #5, control panel delay, work inside the plant, schedules, chemistry and start up.

**Next meeting November 12, 2019 & November 26, 2019**

Motion to adjourn made Commissioner Steven Bishop, Commissioner Luke Grant seconded the motion.

All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steven Bishop – aye

Scott Ollerhead – absent

7:58 p.m.



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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD: 10/22/19

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Bernardo

Kevin Bernardo, Minutes Recorder

Luke Grant

Luke Grant, Chairman

Steve Bishop

Steve Bishop, Clerk

Scott Ollerhead

Scott Ollerhead, Member