

Norton Commissioners Meeting 11/12/19

Attendees: Luke Grant, Steve Bishop, Frank Fournier, Steve Pederson, Barbara Cook, Tara McManus

Meeting minutes summary by Tara McManus

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Superintendent's Report

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1. Proposal to allow/not allow committee members to participate in meetings remotely – Commissioners were not in favor of remote participation.
2. BOS and Town Manager approved recommendations for operator staffing provided by the Superintendent; D2 in-training applicant already in hand
3. Lead and Copper sample bottles went out – about half have come back in
4. Holmes & East Main Street – water mains complete; only outstanding item other than paving is Norton Glen concern with pavement staining
5. Leonard Street – water main chlorinated; inspected by town and looked decent. Cellular foam glass was custom order long lead-time. Boxed rigid 4" thick boards used instead. Gate valve installed on both ends of the new culvert installation. Tuberculation not as bad as anticipated – shows flushing program is working
6. Well 5 – about half-way through cleaning. Concern with pumps being stacked and now seem to be unstacked with a tire track nearby. Suggestion to replace mechanical seals vs stuffing boxes. Town would like to move forward with replacing the seals with stuffing boxes at each well. Further review on the potential to switch out raw water pumps.
7. WTP – Well 5 & 6 water main installation subcontractor is against installing water main next to "live main". Water Dept does not consider this a safety concern and would prefer to get them onsite asap and get a move on once well cleaning rig is offsite. This is an issue to be worked out between sub and GC but if sub doesn't get out there to complete the work then may need to take additional steps to keep this project on track. If Commission needs to step in to help hiring someone else to complete this work, then they are willing to step in.

Weston & Sampson Sewer Update

West Main St Sewer Project

Taunton Ave sewer work and connection to Route 123 is complete; moving down towards Fernandez Circle. Approaching winter shutdown period. Shutdown by this Friday per State DOT Permit – DOT approved time extension (but no new piping installed past 11/15 – cleanup and roadway patching can continue), starting work at 8pm, and working on Veteran's Day. Ledge issues continue and there was a resident complaint with noise. Crew moving to Taunton Ave to work on drainage piping; install stubs to roadway edge; cleanup on Route 123 this week and have moved from ledge hammering area. Can start back to work within DOT limits on 4/15/20 per the DOT permit but will keep an eye on the weather and see if we can request an early start. Wheaton work will be wrapping up soon. Working with Contractor on a change order which will be presented to the Commission soon (~\$42,000).

Pump Station – wet well work can continue. Extending utilities to the site similar to Town Center work. Invoices from gas (\$15,300) and electric companies (\$13,800). Contractor will do final connections at building but utility companies will dig and install lines to the connection point. This work is all SRF eligible. Motion to pay the gas invoice – approved. Town Accountant requested clarification on the electric bill. Motion to approve the bill as quoted upon receipt of clarification – motion approved pending clarification. Concern with condition of the road – Contractor needs to do a better job with cleaning up at the end of each night. Will be focused on doing that this evening. Veteran's Day parade went well and no plate issues. Have Highway Superintendent check pavement? Discussed that this is a DOT roadway so DOT is responsible for reviewing the roadway conditions. Perhaps ask for recommendation from Highway Superintendent in preparation for winter shutdown and future plowing concerns?

7:00pm, Brian Donahue – 2 Foster Drive bill dispute

Mr. Donahue disputed his large water bill and believed the cost is related to the amount of flushing he does to get clean water, he states that he has dirty water 28 out of 30 days, commissioner Grant explained that the treatment plant is expected to be online in a few weeks and many customers will notice a change. For some it will take a little longer but after a few flushing sequences we should begin to notice a change. Commissioner Grant also recommended a house filter if Mr. Donahue is truly experiencing discolored water that often the house filter will help, commissioner grant mentioned he uses a filter at his Norton residence. different types of cartridges and costs were also discussed. The commission has to up hold the current bill. the water bill is based on water that went through the water meter and was not a leak.

Weston & Sampson Water Update

1. Holmes Street – Norton Glen pavement staining is outstanding but everything is installed and just final paving remains. Pay Estimate No 1 presented at meeting and signed
2. Pine Street – Bid opening date to be set for January 2020
3. Wells 5 & 6 replacement project – still working on pump tests and water quality reports. Should have summary ready in the next month or so
4. Master Plan – Commissioners approved moving forward with final printing
5. WMA Permit – Submitted mitigation response plan and additional paperwork on November 1, 2019, as requested by MassDEP. Waiting for DEP response/approval but assuming there should not be any concerns as we corresponded and met with DEP in advance to review the draft submittal material
6. WTP – As of today, still looking like we'll have Well 5 water running through the plant and into the system before Christmas (pending MassDEP approval).
7. Mass Historical Commission – final document signed off on at meeting.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, November 26th.

Motion to adjourn.



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BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

BOARD MEETING HELD: 11/12/19

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke Grant
Luke Grant, Chairman

11/26/19
Date Approved

Steve Bishop
Steve Bishop, Clerk

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Date Approved

Scott Ollerhead
Scott Ollerhead, Member

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