

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766

December 10, 2019

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Meeting called to order: 6:39 pm, at Water & Sewer Building
166 John Scott Blvd, Norton MA

Commissioners: Luke Grant, Steve Bishop and Scott Ollerhead present.
Superintendent Frank Fournier.

Steve Pederson, Ryan Henley, Tara McManus and Barbara Cook from Weston & Sampson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Updates

Blue Drop Machine

Superintendent Fournier began with a discussion about the Water Vending machine that was damaged. It was determined the failure was most likely caused by the abuse or over use of the machine. the dispensers holding tank is continuously being emptied by customers removing large quantities of water. if customers continue to push the button to receive water would this will cause the pump to fail attempting to retrieve water from the empty storage tank.

Frank spoke with The Blue Drop company and they requested that the Board review the idea of a sign to limit the amount each person removes at one time or other options so the machine does not suffer further damage.

Frank suggested the possibility of slowing down the rate of the water discharge to equal the rate that it filters the water this may discourage the filling of an excessive amount of water vessels. Frank explained on a regular basis we see on the security cameras many vehicles leaving with trunks full of one-gallon and five-gallon containers what would be an excessive amount for even a large family. We have counted 40 one-gallon containers and also witnessed trunk and backseat loads of 5-gallon containers, all of which is excessive use. It is not recommended to store Large quantities of water. Storage for lengths of time can affect water quality. Frank agreed to continue the discussion with Blue Drop.

Condyne/Blue Star Business Park

A set of plans was presented to the Board to show the original and updated locations of the water mains, fire services and domestic service lines for Phase 1 buildings 4,5 and 7. Frank explained the necessary changes he made from the original plans removing separate fire and domestic lines of equal length. Frank requesting water mains be looped then the fire service and the domestic services can be shorter and direct to the appropriate location of each building.

The connections on Leonard Street were installed as part of the road construction project and not previously reviewed by the Board. Chairman Grant cautioned against this practice and reminded the Condyne Group that they are aware of the town requirements and should proceed with caution in the future.

Based on the current structure of fees for permits and inspections a proposed amount was shown to the Board, the Board requests time to review the plans and the fees. All fees will be verified by Frank and the office administrator for both water and sewer charges.

West Main Sewer Project

Steve Peterson began a discussion with a reference to a contractor meeting that was held previously in Foxboro with Roccio corp. The discussion was about how they plan to proceed based on the amount of ledge that they encountered which shut down the work prior to the Mass DOT permit winter shut down date.

This will be the beginning of many meetings once a plan is in place, we will approach Mass DOT for their approval then submit out plan to the town and the affected agencies that will need to be involved.

Steve continued that Roccio will be moving forward with the sewer pump station construction and this could begin the first week of January.

The pay Requisition for Roccio in the amount of \$440,763.71 includes the change order #1.

Steve asked that the Board vote to allow Frank to sign the second change order once the amount was verified.

Motion to allow Superintendent Fournier to sign the Change Order #2

Motioned by Commissioner Steve Bishop, Scott Ollerhead seconded the motion.

All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Bishop - aye

Scott Ollerhead – aye

Cobb St. Sewer Station

Steve Peterson began a discussion about the Cobb St. Sewer Station upgrades we are working on finalizing the design contract for the necessary upgrades at the sewer station.

A discussion continued about the deterioration of the facility over the past 30 plus years. Money was appropriated in the budget to begin the process of improvement.

Water Treatment Facility

Tara began with an explanation of where we are with construction of the water treatment facility, the hurdles we still have to overcome. She explained what testing has been done and what still needs to be completed. The new excavation contractor is almost complete with the new pipe install to connect well 6 and well 5 to the existing pipe that will feed the new water treatment facility. This pipe will need to pass testing prior to use. The training will begin this week on multiple devices in the water treatment facility, training is expected to continue over the next few weeks, during the training we will be pumping to waste. Once the process is learned and all measures are in place, we will involve DEP for final approval.

Mass DEP will be verifying all processes and procedures. With the Holidays the scheduling has become difficult we are coordinating with all that must be involved. The first week of January is looking like the best option right now. The Tonka corp. will be back in the area the week of January 6th for training on their devices. Additional samples must be taken as part of the DEP requirement prior to pumping to the distribution system, the laboratory we typically use has a lengthy delay we have contacted other labs in the area to check their turn around time and if we can expedite the samples.

Barbara Cook explained the over run of the contracts and that they have made some adjustments of their staff on site to cut costs and have not been on site when they are not needed. The Board should be aware the staggered start of the treatment plant with the addition of the two wells will require additional training for operators this training will be billed accordingly either by a monthly charge or we could set a dollar amount for a specific amount of time. Chairman Grant asked if the Weston and Sampson could have a proposal ready by the next Board meeting to extend or amend the services contract.

Next meeting December 30, 2019

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

All in favor:

Luke Grant - aye

Steve Bishop - aye

Scott Ollerhead - aye

8:00 p.m.



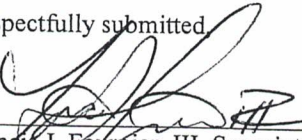
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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD: 12/10/2019

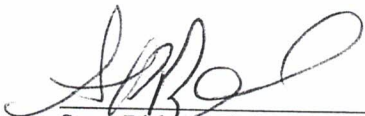
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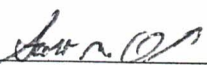
Francis J. Fournier, III, Superintendent



Luke Grant, Chairman



Steve Bishop, Clerk



Scott Ollerhead, Member