

Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners
166 John Scott Boulevard, Norton, MA 02766
January 28, 2020

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Meeting called to order at 6:24pm

Attendance

Superintendent: Frank Fournier
Commissioners: Scott Ollerhead, Luke Grant, Steve Bishop
Weston & Sampson: Tara McManus & Barbara Cook
Rob Welsh

Pledge of allegiance

Superintendent Updates

East Main Street Sewer:

Mr. Fournier began the meeting with a discussion about the GVC sewer pipe work on East Main Street. The length of sewer pipe from the "hump" interceptor area down to 495. Was filled and pressure tested with passing results.

New water main laterals have been filled and flushed on Leonard Street project & and are passing pressure and bacteria tests regularly. Two fire hydrants will have to be relocated and replaced with new hydrants due to ongoing road work. Stagnant water protocol was clarified. Stagnant water is flushed to waste and chlorine residuals are checked to be sure they match the wells prior to reactivation to our distribution system.

Horizon Beverage:

Horizon beverage was forced to drain their fire suppression storage tank to perform the necessary repairs. They worked with the water department to schedule the filling of the tank in a manner that should not cause a system disturbance. The water department operators determined a safe flow rate to fill the vessel. Which took approximately 29 hours at this cautious flow rate. Their fire suppression system is now back up and fully operational. No complaints lodged about any operations over the past week.

West Main St. Sewer:

Work on the Wet well for the Sewer project started Monday. The contractor has been driving sheeting to shore up the new wet well location. Steady and noisy day work expected for this part of the construction. It is off of the roadway between the back of the insurance agency and the roadway for the housing in back. It is set off to the side of the property.

Annual statistical report:

Weston & Sampson will be asked to assist again this year with the ASR. Mr. Fournier had hoped to have additional staff in place by now to ease the burden with the backlog in office. Weston & Sampson will be assisting to remain in compliance with ASR and upcoming CCR.

Water vending machine:

Blue Drop has received a response from the letter that was sent requesting to change the classification of the drinking water vending machine due to the change in filter status.

Approval must come from Water Dept., Norton BOH and Mass DEP.

Water Dept will allow the change as long as the sampling protocol with Mass DEP remains unchanged. Norton BOH has paperwork now for review. Mass DEP will approve if the Water Dept and BOH both sign off.

Brendan from BD has been instructed to communicate any questions or requests for direct correspondents to BOH. The actual filter change would only take a few hours.

Possible change to happen within a week. If sampling is required after the filter change.

This could potentially cause the machine to be offline for up to three days.

A rubber mat and signage has been installed at machine for safety.

Memorandum of agreement

The MOA from Massachusetts Historic Preservation officer, Brona Simon has been received. MOA is the agreement between Historic Commission of Mass, DEP & Town of Norton for Water Treatment Facility.

DEP Inspection

The New Water Treatment Facility is scheduled for a Mass DEP inspection this Thursday. Official paperwork has not been received yet but drafts suggest all water quality samples that have been taken are within the parameters needed to pass.

The Emergency Response Plan has been updated again with the addition of the water treatment facility.

DEP approval is anticipated. A preliminary schedule to put plant online would be Monday morning during normal hours of 7am-3:30pm to implement a slow change to distribution system in direction of flow and water quality. Could take two days to complete with minimal water loss. Trial runs to begin Wednesday. Taking wells 4 and 6 offline to simulate real-world conditions. If we take both wells offline to transition to the new facility This will test system pressure, demand and actual runtime. Information learned from these tests and run times we will determine if we can match our system operations as they are now. If we notice we cannot meet demand we may be forced to take one well offline at a time instead of both at the same time. Transition will be slow. Notifications of possible disruptions due to change in flow will be sent out as soon as we have a transition date set.

WESTON & SAMPSON

Waste Water

Tara McManus:

With regard to West Main Street...

Proposal made with Mass DOT for drilling probes along the whole stretch. Approval granted.

Day work not confirmed yet. Drill rig should be able to be roadside and not cause major traffic issues. So far, the ledge is not too far down from the surface so we expect the drilling to profile the ledge to be a quick process.

Water Project

Barbara Cook:

With regard to MOA agreement previously mentioned by Mr. Fournier...

Project update for water treatment plant site. DEP's MOA Agreement states that trees and shrubs can be removed but soil and subsoil cannot be displaced or disturbed in any way. Stems and roots must remain in place

Only above ground cutting allowed. Mr. Grant suggests that any trees removed should be mulched and put back onto the land to help with stop of regrowth. Barbara makes note that DEP has to be notified in order to do that. Mr. Grant suggests taking out the white pines that are a concern to the water treatment plant first and then reassessing what other trees need to be cut systematically. MHC does not need to be notified for cutting.

UNANTICIPATED TOPICS

Pine Street Project

Mr. Ollerhead asked about Pine Street project. Tara stated they are in the process of intent to award. Trying to finish in wooded area before April 2020. Tara confirms that it is in the contract. Town depts working together for the first time on pavement. There was a discussion about how to pay for the final paving if the highway department will be contracting it out.

The town paving contractors typically have a two to three-year contract with the town. The Curb to curb overlay is approved will be completed within one year of the work completion. Request for vote made by Tara McManus for Mr. Fournier to the intent to award letter for the contractor so there is no wait for the next meeting.

VOTE:

Mr. Ollerhead moved for authorization for Mr. Frank Fournier to sign off on the intent to award letter to allow the contractor proceed at the earliest possible convenience.

Mr. Steve Bishop seconds the motion.

All in favor: Commissioner Grant- aye

Commissioner Ollerhead- aye

Commissioner Bishop- aye

Motion so moved. (Approved)

Rusen Karayel

Mr. Rusen Karayel received a water bill for \$2,493. He was out of the country from May to November. He states that he did turn off both valves before and after his tank. He noted that the month before he left his water bill was \$274 and that the month before that it was \$147. He did hear a noise from the plumbing when he had the water valve in the off position the water department performed a leak test at his residence using dye and no leak was found at the that time. A similar problem happened Five years ago, he stated that he received an \$800 meter reading while out of the country and that the meter was tested and passed. Mr. Fournier requested that this water meter be tested by an independent company. Mr. Karayel noted that there was a hydrant flush done during his time away, but was assured that the water must go

through his home meter in order for it to register. Commissioner Grant suggested that Mr. Karayel request for the water department turn off the curb stop for his property when leaving for long periods of time. Commissioner Grant asks for the matter to be tabled until the Karayel house meter can be tested. If meter passes, the water dept. will give an extension in order for Mr. Karayel to come up with the funds to pay the bill. Mr. Fournier says he can have the meter tested this week and revisit the topic at the next Water and Sewer meeting on February 11, 2020 or on February 25, 2020.

Steve Bishop

Begins discussion about working with Norton neighbors to do updates on Facebook and social media so that Norton residents have easier access to all information about Norton and the ongoing projects.

Rob Welsh: Norton Neighbors

Suggests that there be more than one person be able to help him keep up with the sites. Discussion about Norton Alerts website having a link to Norton Neighbors. Norton Neighbors is a member only site so the link would be useless to anyone who is not a member. Mr. Welsh expresses his concern that the sites are dependent on just one person (him). He also explained that anything that is sent to him for posting on sites is not edited in any way...just copied and pasted. Discusses unhappy/toxic posts and that direct communication and response to those posts is helpful.

Next meeting February 11, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Bishop

Motion seconded by Scott Ollerhead

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm



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

BOARD MEETING HELD: January 28, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Nye Brown

Luke Grant, Chairman

2/11/20
Date Approved

Steve Bishop, Clerk

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Scott Ollerhead, Member

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