# Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners 166 John Scott Blvd, Norton, MA 02766 April 28, 2020



Meeting called to order @ 6:30pm

<u>Attendance:</u> Superintendent Frank Fournier, Commissioner Luke Grant, Commissioner Steve Bishop

Weston & Sampson: Tara McManus, Barbara Cook and Steve Pederson

# **Superintendent Updates:**

# **Hydrant Flushing**

Pine Street flushing is going slow but well. Filtered water was brought across town over to Pine Street late evening on April 27, 2020. All construction debris has been removed. The pressure test was performed and passed. Sequencing is the task now. Chlorine is in the pipe now and sampling will begin within hours. Samples will be sent out to get the water quality results for both sections of pipe. Crane Street flushing to begin this evening. Aggressive flushing will begin in the northern corner of town. This will be beneficial to all residents. Superintendent Frank Fournier explains how the sequencing will be changing and the benefits it will give in the end of the process. Two separate crews will be working to get this done. One crew will start in the northern corner of town tomorrow, and they will run off of the Cottage Street Booster Pump Station. The second crew will start on May 3, 2020, and they will work off of the Mansfield Avenue Booster Station. The streets are listed on the website. He then explains how issues will be handled, if they arise.

# **Water Treatment Facility**

Methuen has asked for substantial completion. There is still work on the punch list that has to be performed. The wording has changed on the withholding. A percentage was added due to the remaining work to still be done. It is now 2% instead of the original 1% until a certain portion of the work is completed. The letter was sent to Tara McManus and will be sent to Methuen today. The plant was offline for the first shift this morning. A 12-inch butterfly valve was installed to help balance the flow rates through the filter systems. The plant was up and operational by the second shift. Superintendent Frank Fournier explains what a few of the items are on the punch list that still need to be completed at the plant. Some of the issues to still be completed are small leaks and electrical issues. Superintendent Frank Fournier brings up the change order number two. He brings up the fact that this project was started before he became the superintendent, and he has a few questions. Commissioner Luke Grant asked superintendent Frank Fournier if he would like to set up a work session in order to

answer all the questions that he may have. They discuss whether they should table the change order for the next meeting or set up a work session. They determine that a work session would be a good idea in about a week.

# Weston & Sampson: Tara McManus

## **Water Treatment Facility**

There is some reiterating of the superintendent's notes. All three wells are pumping into the facility. The water on Pine Street was crystal clear. The final punch list has been sent to Methuen Construction for them to complete the last things listed. Next step is to work on services. There is about 800 feet left to be done.

#### Wells 5 & 6

Planning for the production well was submitted. This has to do with replacing well 5. They are proceeding with the replacement for well 6.

Commissioner Luke Grant asks about the down spout issue. The outlet has been relocated and the downspout has been adjusted. The valve has not been replaced yet but it is on the punch list.

### Steve Pederson: Sewer

Approval from MassDOT has come through for construction during the hours of 7am and 5pm at the state highway. The contractor submitted a permit for blasting, but is still awaiting a response. Mr. Pederson explains what paving is being done and where. The pump station building has been installed. Now, it just needs the utilities installed and on. Construction on Rt123 is at a halt right now.

# Payment application #8

This was sent to the board on Monday for review and signatures. It is for most of the pump station work and the trench paving.

#### Change Order #3

There is an increase in cost due to Mass DOT requiring Superpave Surface Course in lieu of the specified top course pavement. This change results in an increased cost of \$15.05 per ton to the bid unit price. This work will happen within the next few weeks. Mr. Pederson asks if there needs to be a vote for the order.

<u>VOTE:</u> Commissioner Bishop makes a motion to approve change order #3 with a price increase of \$15.05 cents per ton.

Commissioner Grant seconds.

All in favor: Commissioner Grant = aye.

Commissioner Bishop = aye.

Motion passes.

Commissioner Steve Bishop moves to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Luke Grant seconds.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:03pm

Next meeting on May 12, 2020 @6:30pm.



# **TOWN OF NORTON**

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

BOARD MEETING HELD:	1 08, 2020
Respectfully submitted,	
Victoria Nye Brown Victoria Nye Brown	
Luke Grant, Chairman	O5 //3/2) Date Approved
Steve Bishop, Clerk	Date Approved
Scott Ollerhead, Member	Date Approved