

Norton Water/Sewer Commission's Meeting Minutes
for
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm

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Meeting Attendees:

Frank Fournier – Superintendent
Shane – Media Center
Steve Pedersen – Weston & Sampson
Tara McManus – Weston & Sampson
Steve Bishop – Commissioner
Luke Grant – Commissioner

Meeting opened by Luke at 6:33pm

Superintendent Update (Frank) –

- Flushing moving forward swiftly and flying through the trunk lines at high flow rates. Able to remove heavy iron and manganese sediment (years of accumulation being removed). Flushing during evening/night with minimum day work. Moving off main trunk lines onto side roads now. Program usually takes 8-12 weeks but able to knock off ~3-4 weeks of the program with aggressive/strategic actions which was great. However, likely not sustainable year to year but a great option this spring for the first flush with the clean water from the new WTP. Disturbances were reported but were also addressed as they were reported by Water Dept staff. Luke congratulated Frank and crew for excellent work and successful flushing work. Thanks & really appreciate the hard work and effort by Frank and operators. Steve B. second. Frank will pass along accolades to operators, office staff, and everyone involved with the process. Good step in the right direction and really helping to clean the old existing mains.
- Pine St Water Main Improvements – Really working fast and well. Recently hit some ledge but the majority of the project was decent digging. Did come across a few really old water services during construction which they temporarily fixed until they can wrap back around to complete installation of new services. New main passed water quality testing and letters mailed out to residents notifying them of the upcoming water service work. Added paragraph in notice that contactor will be knocking on the door, stepping back from the door for social distancing, and update each customer day of service install on the specific timing for that day's water service install work. Also added to the notice that residents could call office if they preferred a phone call vs knock on door. So far, no calls.
- Propane tank pad on route for Well 5 likely delivered and set tomorrow. Slight delay on delivery for Scituate Concrete due to COVID. Once onsite next steps are to coordinate propane tanks install and connection to new generator.
- Water leak on water main between Wells 5 & 6 last week reported by local dog walker – very helpful. Leak repaired by WTP water main contractor who performed the original cut and cap work several months back.

Luke – Blue Drop water vending machine will stay offline for an additional 15 days. Hoping to place online soon but basing decision on when and how the Governor lifts COVID restrictions.

Weston & Sampson Water Update (Tara) –

- Pine St Project is going very well. About 60 feet of pipe left to install until we reach Plain St tie in location. Contractor should be there tomorrow and will pave exposed trenches. Start services likely on Thursday and may attempt to pressure test remaining water main by end of week. Currently installing temporary trench. Will return in the fall to complete permanent trench pavement. Then next year (summer) town will come in and install permanent curb to curb pavement.

- WTP – Pad scheduled for delivery tomorrow as Frank Noted. Tara to be onsite tomorrow to oversee and check on other punch list items completed since Substantial Completion letter issued a few weeks back. Leak repaired last week as updated by Frank earlier in meeting. Contractor was also going to work on site restoration and cleanup while out there last week around Wells 4, 5 & 6. Luke – time limit on when they need to complete punch list work? Have they completed cape cod berm/pavement repairs? Tara – Substantial Completion letter noted all work to be completed by July 1, 2020 with repair work on Recycle Tank #2 to be completed by May 1, 2020. Tank #2 placed back in-service last week and now waiting till tank settles out to check for additional leaks. We'll likely know more end of this week/early next week on whether repairs have held. Cape cod berm is on the punch list and plan to walk the site tomorrow to check on which punch list items have been completed.
- Wells 5 & 6 Replacement – 8" test well installation may start as early as week of May 25th. Application for replacement well #5 submitted to MassDEP for review – note permit review period is a little lengthy and may see delays due to COVID. However, in the interim, moving forward with preparing permitting for production well drilling work and moving forward with 8" test well installation for replacement well 6.
- Pine St Pay Estimate No. 2 – Weston & Sampson recommends payment for ~\$487,000 as requested by KJS LLC for work completed through May 1, 2020.

Weston & Sampson Sewer Update (Steve P.) –

- Paving on Wheaton Campus & Route 123 for Mass DOT roadway work continues. Areas have been milled and Contractor scheduled to complete final 2" top course installation on Thursday. Loop detectors reinstalled with final wiring to be completed by electrician shortly. Once wiring is complete, the traffic lights can go back on based on sensors vs the timers they are currently running on. Pump station site – new utility poles installed by electric company. Just need to run water across the street and gas/electric utilities have permits and need to set schedule to complete their work to run their utilities across the street. No formal response back from mass DOT on blasting permit submitted by Contractor. Contractor unwilling to return to the site to install pipeline until they have a blasting permit in place. Question from Luke – is the most linear path to getting the project done to get the blasting permit? Steve P – Yes, most linear path. mass DOT has expressed concerns with blasting but does this outweigh concerns with hammering complaints, etc.? Need to get the work done and this is the best time when minimal traffic. Requested response from DOT by 5/12/20 and as this deadline has passed, intend to put more pressure on them to make a decision. Luke – potential to complete a test run for blasting a section with DOT witness to help expedite? At a certain point the Contractor needs to get out in the road to start putting pipe in the ground. Get State Reps involved again? Steve P. will reach out to contact at mass DOT first to give a heads up this is likely coming if a response isn't issued soon. Discussion continued on DOT delays.

Commissioners – Both Indicated they will be stopping by the Water/Sewer Dept. Office this week to sign bills.

Next meeting in two weeks (5/26).

Steve Bishop made the Motion to adjourn seconded by Luke Grant
Adjourned at 7:07pm



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BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD: 3-12-2020

Respectfully submitted,

Tara McManus

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Luke Grant, Chairman

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Steve Bishop, Clerk

Scott Ollerhead, Member