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Norton Water/Sewer Commission's Meeting Minutes
for

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:30 pm

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Meeting Attendees:

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

Meeting call started at 6:30, delayed until 6:54 pm to see if Commissioner Steve Bishop might call in for a quorum.

Superintendent Update (Frank) –

- May 13th Vacant Mill Fire – Last year hydrants on private property were off and service shutoff at the property line until the property owner repaired the leak on private property. The leak was never repaired. 500,000 gallons of water from water system and additional water pulled from the river to help put out the fire. Water Dept. was called to the scene by Norton FD to help. Luke – any impacts on the rest of the water system due to this emergency? Frank – operators were called in and helped adjust the town's water system (gate valves, tanks and WTP) to help prevent any issues with the water system. Hydrant flushing for that evening and the next night was postponed to help bring system back to normal operating level post-fire. Luke – Flushing program and reaction by Water Dept. good. Frank – most of the flushing program was complete which was helpful to prevent disturbances in the system. Flushing program was completed last week with some minor side streets and small areas to be completed during the day to wrap up very soon. Operators and Frank called in for the fire response, opened all the gates that were closed in preparation for the flushing scheduled for the evening of the fire.
- Pine Street – First two sections of the new water main have been connected to the existing water system and services along these areas have been transferred over. Pressure test and bacteria sampling for last sections of new main passed last week and connecting remaining services over from old main to new main this week. Next week, last tie-in planned. Luke – live service tie-ins? Frank – old main still online and services are transferred over to new live main. There was a service pulled out at the corporation stop during service work last week but zero water quality impacts on that street as a result.
- Well 5/WTP – Propane tank pad delivered for Well 5 and propane tanks delivered by town propane supplier within a few days of this. Water/Sewer Dept. staff dug and backfilled the trench for the and connected by the town (trenched).

Weston & Sampson Water Update (Tara) –

- WTP – Confirmed Fall River Electric is the electrician and they indicated to the General Contractor (GC) that they would be back onsite roughly 2 weeks after the Well 5 propane tanks were filled and ready to go for testing the generator and completing their remaining punch list work. Overall, not much work has occurred since the last meeting. Conducted a site inspection since the last Commissioner's meeting to review work completed by the GC since they received the final punch list. Most of the work they are able to do is complete. They are waiting for schedules from their subcontractors/filed sub bidders for when they will return to the site to complete their punch list work.

- Wells 5 & 6 Replacement – Driller was available this week so they are mobilizing to the site today and will start installation of the 8-inch test well this week. Will provide the Commissioners with Amendment No. 1 for this work shortly. Daily iron and manganese sampling collected by WTP operators and tests performed at the WTP lab to help reduce independent lab fees. Hope to have an update on construction and pumping test for the next Commissioner's meeting.
- Pine St Water Main Project – Work is nearing completion. Contractor is planning a water main shutdown for Monday to complete the final tie-in at Plain Street. Will work with Water office about sending out notices to impacted customers tomorrow. Contractor is planning to complete service installation this week and next week will be the final tie-in plus wrapping up temporary trench paving and site cleanup. Should be complete project excluding final trench pavement by end of next week. The Contractor will return in the fall to complete permanent trench pavement – 12-inch cutback milled on both sides of the trench with a top course pavement finish. Permanent curb-to-curb paving will likely be completed by the Highway Dept forces next summer (2021). Water main Contractor not awarded permanent pavement work and Water Dept. will pay Highway's contractor to complete this work as it will be less expensive overall. Project wrapping up a few months earlier than expected which is great news.
- Holmes & East Main Water Main Project – Working with Highway Dept. and water main Contractor on completing permanent trench pavement along Holmes & East Main Street in June. Holmes will be a 12-inch milled cutback on each side of the trench and paved. East Main will be milled from the centerline of the roadway to the edge over the new water main trench and paved.

Weston & Sampson Sewer Update (Steve P) –

- Not much has happened in the last two weeks. Contractor buttoned up paving and intersection of Route 123 & 140 – striping and milling and overlay complete. Traffic loops installed and wiring in street complete. Waiting on confirmation that electrician has completed the work off the street to sync up the lights again to the traffic loop signals. Working on extending utilities (gas and electric) across the roadway to the station. Still need to make the water service connection from Main Street – planned for next week. Contractor still not willing to hammer ledge – waiting to return to install pipe once blasting permit comes through.

Luke – Any additional water/sewer topics, discussion, etc.? None noted.

Luke – Next meetings will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of June (June 9th & 23rd).

Motion to adjourn (Steve B) at 7:23pm & seconded Luke).



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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD: 5/26/2020

Respectfully submitted,

Tara McManus

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Luke Grant, Chairman

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Steve Bishop, Clerk

Scott Ollerhead, Member