

Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766

June 23, 2021

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Meeting called to order at 5:33pm

Attendance: Assistant Superintendent John Harrop; Commissioner Chairman Steve Bishop, Commissioner Member James Jardin, Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen, Administrative Secretary Janice Roberge

Pledge of Allegiance

Assistant Superintendent Updates:

- Big news-Second round of PFAS samples were taken on Monday 6/21 for the confirmatory results, will be about 4-to-6-week turnaround time for the results.
- Submitted Consumer Confidence Report to DEP, Mass Board of Health and Norton Health Department. We got them back about a week ago, these are available to the public on the town website and a copy of the URL is on the Norton Media Center and paper copies are available at Town Hall and the Library.
- Sprinkler tests winding down; however, we have a big one scheduled for this week at Home Market Foods (located on South Worcester St, Old Sysco building)-they are using their own tank to test with, which is good for our system. Likely another one next week for Horizon Beverage (located in the Norton Industrial Park, Commerce Way), still waiting to confirm for Monday.
- We had a sewer clog on King Phillip Road last Wednesday around 7pm John explained the cause and there was much discussion about it.
- On Saturday a crew putting in a new pole hit a water main on Miller Terrace off Elm St. Was fixed in a short amount of time.
- Not sure if it was weather related or not but our SCADA **dialer** went offline yesterday. SCADA itself did not go down just the dialer.
- A lot of staff is using up their vacation time right now due to the end of the fiscal year, however we are staffed appropriately to get the work

completed. We are closing out the year and we are not spending any money until after July 1st.

- We have been trying to keep an eye out for sprinkler usage. We have been seeing residents using their hand-held hoses which is great!! The plant was only pumping about 800 gal a min, it's been getting bogged down. We are keeping our eye out for usage.
- Likely start Lead and Copper testing after holiday-frequency and amount of samples required has been reduced. Only have to sample once a year.
- The engine failed on the sewer truck with the crane on it. We are looking into all options of fixing it or purchasing a new one. Either way we are down a truck for a while.

Weston & Sampson updates:

Tara McManus-Well 5 & 6 Replacement Projects

- Well 6A development has started since last meeting. They are about halfway complete (50 of the estimated 100 hours). We're anticipating that they will complete development by end of next week. Next steps are finalizing the well for the step rate test and then the 48-hour pumping test. Water quality samples will be taken, which usually take about 3 weeks for the results (mostly due to PFAS testing). Then we'll finalize our application to MassDEP for approval to construct a well source.
- Frank emailed us yesterday that they are pumping 800 gpm (gallons per minute) out of the WTP (Water Treatment Plant). I will be contacting MassDEP to formally discuss installing a temporary pump to connect the Replacement Well 5A to the raw water system to pump to the WTP vs existing Well 5. You need DEP's approval to do that. We would like to get that in place to meet summer demands.

American's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Project:

- The draft Risk & Resilience Assessment Report was sent to Frank and John on 6/18. John has provided some feedback already which has been very helpful. We are in good shape to certify completion of the report by the 6/30 EPA deadline.

Federal Funding Updates:

- Still no word on funding award.

WTP:

- Project closed, no update.

West Main Sewer Project updates:

Rocchio – Completed the infrared on 5 of the man holes yesterday (One that DEP noticed, two that the town was concern about and a couple that the contractor noticed). Paving is done; painting is done. In doing that work they lost some of the fog line work. DEP wants them to extend the white line at the main intersection on RT123 to help distinguish both sides of the road. Once the line striping is done, we can close it with MassDOT. Should have final pay request for next meeting to include change order #6.

Betterments were recorded and Rose is working with the tax collector to continue the process.

Cobb Street-no update. Advertising will be July 8th and then the bidding process will start. Bid opening will be August 12th. There will be a Prebid conference on July 29th at the pump station for the contractors to take a look at the station. We are planning to do more work next Fiscal Year.

Our annual agreements with Weston & Sampson have been completed and currently at the town hall for approval signatures.

Other topics:

William Watson – His appointment as a Water/Sewer Technician is tomorrow night at the Select Board meeting and will be starting July 6th. He does have his CDL and Excavator License which will be helpful for us. He will be doing both water & sewer with a focus on sewer.

Inquiry on 253 Mansfield Ave-No updates, they will now have to talk with the Director of Planning.

Inquiry on 195 Mansfield Ave- (The conflicting letter we had to send back) We do have an updated version of the letter but it's not much different. The original one is still with legal.

Bills & Correspondences:

All bills were reviewed, approved and signed

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7/13/21 at 5:30pm & 7/27 at 5:30pm

Commissioner Bishop will reach out to Michael Toole to let him know about the meetings and let him choose which one he would like to attend in regards to the water vending machine.

Motions

Motion 4: Meeting Adjournment

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

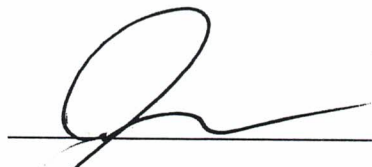
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Respectfully submitted,


Janice Roberge, Administrative Secretary


Steve Bishop, Chairman

7/27/21
Date Approved


James Jardin, Clerk

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