

Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, Ma 02766

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September 14, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Superintendent Frank Fournier, Assistant Superintendent John Harrop, Commissioner Chairman Steve Bishop, Commissioner member James Jardin, Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen & Tara McManus, Minutes Recording Secretary Rachel Medas, Town Resident Peter Wiggins

Superintendent Updates:

Water:

- **Town Meeting Articles-**
- Town meeting coming up October 25, requested two articles, only one made the warrant. The one that made the warrant is for Well One. Requesting transfer of remaining funds in amount of \$300,000 from Pine Street Water Main replacement project. With Town Meeting approval can transfer the money and start the research portion of Well One. Looking to find a relocation Well.
- Other Article (that did NOT make the warrant) was for Well Four.
- **Flow Testing-**
- A Fire pump flow test was performed on August 26th on Mansfield Ave, with no incidents. crews performed some system flushing afterwards, as we do after any type of flow test that creates a stir, we have been trying to use flow tests to our benefit to flush the distribution system since we do not have the water available to perform a regular town wide flush. Crews flushed the loops off of Mansfield Ave., Roche Brothers, and TPC Golf course. No complaints from residents in that area. First week that schools were open John Harrop coordinated with schools to get our techs out there and perform hydrant flushing close to the schools to make sure that any stagnant water was turned over prior to the school flushing the internal plumbing.
- **Waste Management Fire-**
- On September 6th, around 6 am. NFD responded to the call, shortly after NFD incident command requested the water departments emergency on-call technician to report to the scene, the system pressure was monitored jointly by the on-call techs from water

distribution and water treatment facility. We received a few compliant calls that were not responded to immediately, all water was necessary for the fire. Complaint calls were logged and once the fire was taken care of, we returned calls. And responded to the complaint locations to low flow fire hydrants, which ran clear. everything that was disturbed got pulled to the fire and discharged. We did have to run one booster station to maintain tank levels during the fire with the increased demand. Any storage used was restored since then.

- **Tuesday September 7th-**
- A Water Main pipe failure on Charlotte Ave (off Bay Road). Call came in around 5 pm, we had a very quick response time quick, and the road was shut down within 40 minutes. There was a significant amount of water loss, quite a bit of road needs to be replaced. Water flowed under one of the cottages, doesn't appear that there was any damage to the home. The water service could not be reconnected to the home because it was found to be inside a tree root ball, we re-tapped the water main and installed a new water service in and ran it to the property line. We will be working with home owner to connect.
- **Island Brook- Proposed Plans-**
- 40B complex to go in on West Main Street after Midway Power, been on the books for quite a few years. Plans have been altered many times. The plan shown to the board dates back to August of 2016. Mr. Fournier will have it on agenda for the next meeting to talk about the plans for this development.

Water Filter Rebate Program:

- A one-time rebate will be granted for the installation of a whole house filter. With specific requirements. The filter has to be a new installation, customers will have to provide a copy of a receipt, customers must be current with their water and sewer bills, and a department technician will need to inspect the installation of the whole house filter, during that inspection we will check for illegal irrigation systems and cross connections and the tech will review the age of the water meter and replace if necessary. This rebate program will be presented by the water and sewer chairman at a future meeting of the select board. Motion Approved.

Sewer:

- Sewer abatement on for property on West Main Street. Discussing 61 West Main Street. Application that was sent in had documentation on how property was assessed. Commercial property. Statement from owner says they (owner) is a little confused about the number of water services provided. Costumer feels he is being charged for two connections because he has two water services. Office administrator reviewed this case, wanted to put it across to the board. It appears clear that the reason for the abatement is not relative to the sewer assessment. The sewer assessment for this location was based on calculated usage of water for two years. Owner has been notified. Board will need to make a decision. Motion Denied.

Weston & Sampson Updates:

Steve Pederson

- Cobb Street Sewerage Pump Station, we have made the recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder Fall River electric, Superintendent Fournier has sent them the notice to award letter and since then we have gotten all the contracts back. Now Town Council needs to approve and sign the document.
- Once approved the generator then it will be ordered. With an expected lead time of Two/three months.
- Only thing left on West Main is the final SRF reimbursement request

Tara McManus

- Our main focus right now are the wells 5 & 6 replacements. At Well 6A we completed the 48-hour pumping test, everything went well, able to get the 600 gallons/minute. Water quality results came back good after sampling. We are going to compile the data to send off to Mass DEP and request their approval for the new source, Well 6A.
- Mass DEP is reviewing the data from Well 5A, hopefully a new source approval letter will be out in the next couple of weeks.
- Working with Frank on the White Street project, the water main improvement project that would replace the old water main on White Street and install a new water main on East Main St. between Kelly's place and Newland St.

Motions

Motion 1: Deny the application for sewer abetment for 61 West Main Street.

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to deny the application for sewer betterment for 61 West Main Street.

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion to deny the application for sewer abetment.

No further discussion.

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop - Aye

Commissioner Jardin - Aye

Motion 2: Approve the Norton Water Department Filter Rebate program as written.

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve the Norton Water Department Filter Rebate program as written.

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion to approve the rebate program as written.

No further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop - Aye

Commissioner Jardin - Aye

Motion 3: Approval of the contract between the Town of Norton and Weston & Sampson for the White Street Area Water Improvement Project.

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve the contract between the Town of Norton and Weston & Sampson for the white street area water improvement project in the amount of \$31,200.

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion to approve the contract.

No further discussion.

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop - Aye

Commissioner Jardin - Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

Next meeting: September 29, 2021 @ 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm



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

BOARD MEETING HELD: September 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

R. Medas

SPB
Steve Bishop, Chairman

10-12-21
Date Approved

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James Jardin, Clerk

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Date Approved