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**Town of Norton
Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
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**Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2021**

I. Call to Order by Chair

The November 23, 2021 meeting of the Norton Water/Sewer Commissioners was called to order at 5:33pm, by Mr. Steven Bishop, Chair. Member(s) present: Mr. James Jardin. Also in attendance: Superintendent Frank Fournier, Assistant Superintendent John Harrop, Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen (call in), Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus, and Office Administrator Brooke Durden.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

1. Minutes from the October 26, 2021 meeting were approved.

Motion was made by Mr. James Jardin to approve the minutes of the October 26th meeting of the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners. Seconded by Mr. Steven Bishop. Vote: Mr. Jardin – Aye; Mr. Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Superintendent Updates

1. Fire Suppression Testing: Technicians were scheduled to work with a few different Fire Suppression companies – at the last minute, two of the smaller sprinkler flow tests were cancelled. The larger Fire Pump Test was preformed as scheduled at 312 E Main Street. Notifications were posted in the Sun Chronicle, on the Norton Media Cable Access channel, and on the Town Websites.
2. Customer Flushing Questions: Residents often call asking why a specific hydrant was, or wasn't flushed. Superintendent Frank Fournier stated that they come up with a basic plan in the days leading up to the flow test to decide which hydrants to flush.
3. Unauthorized Flows: We have still been receiving random disturbance calls from residents. This may or may not be due to flow tests being done without being scheduled or approved. Since we now have a little flex time with our well runtimes, we are going to try and perform a weekly or bi-weekly low flow flush in known problem areas. If all goes well, we anticipate that this will continue

weather permitting until we connect our new wells 5A and 6A to the Water Treatment Facility.

4. Well 6A: Mass DEP approved second replacement well 6A. 5A was approved on 9/17 and 6A was just approved on 11/17. Need to get moving on the Bid and Post process.
5. Island Brook: Looking for an Order of Conditions; however, no final plans have been submitted yet. Board will not approve this development until they have the final plans. Superintendent Frank Fournier suggested bringing the owner in front of the Board at a future meeting to further discuss the plan. Commissioners Steven Bishop and James Jardin agreed.
6. Turtle Crossing: Developer sent over plans from 2012, which the Board will not approve as they are too old and the Water and Sewer infrastructures have changed significantly since then.
7. Capital Budget Requests: Looking to replace three vehicles that are rotting and are not passing inspections. Some other capital items are a few Water Main Replacements, as well as installing emergency generators at the Knollwood, and Holly Road Sewer Pumping Stations.

IV. Weston & Sampson – Water/Sewer Project Updates – Steve Pedersen

1. Cobb Street: Still working with contractor to get approval for generator.
2. Holly Road & Knollwood: Want to get in to each location and will need to determine the size needed to cover future improvements.
3. Contracts: Standard language contract for the Board to sign. The contract would be a combination of both stations for two generators.

Motion was made by Mr. James Jardin to approve the engineering services agreement between the Town of Norton and Weston and Sampson for the Holly Road and Knollwood pump station improvements in the amount of \$59,400. Seconded by Mr. Steven Bishop. Vote: Mr. Jardin – Aye; Mr. Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval letter for Well 6A received from MA DEP
5. Wells 1 and 4 are moving forward with the Desktop Study

V. Sewer Betterment Abatements

1. Discussion with Weston and Sampson's Steve Pedersen regarding 103 West Main Street.

Motion was made by Mr. James Jardin to deny the application for sewer abatement for 103 West Main Street. Seconded by Mr. Steven Bishop. Vote: Mr. Jardin – Aye; Mr. Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. Bills & Correspondence

1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

VII. Next Meetings: December 14th and December 28th

VIII. Adjournment

**Motion was made by Mr. James Jardin to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm.
Seconded by Mr. Steven Bishop. Vote: Mr. Jardin – Aye; Mr. Bishop – Aye.
MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**


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

BOARD MEETING HELD: November 23, 2021

Respectfully submitted,



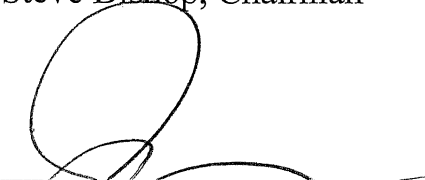
Brooke Durden, Office Administrator



Steve Bishop, Chairman

12/14/21

Date Approved



James Jardin, Clerk

12-14-21

Date Approved