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**Town of Norton
Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
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**Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022**

I. Call to Order by Chair

The January 11, 2022 meeting of the Norton Water/Sewer Commissioners was held remotely (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6391519600> - Meeting ID: 639 151 9600; Phone: 646-558-8656 – Meeting ID: 639 151 9600) and was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Commissioner Steven Bishop, Chair. Member(s) present: Commissioner James Jardin and Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Also in attendance: Superintendent Frank Fournier, Assistant Superintendent John Harrop, Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen, Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus, Office Administrator Brooke Durden, and Town Residents Jonathan O'Reilly, Dan Couture, Lindsay Sanford and Marcie Campot.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

1. No Meeting Minutes were reviewed or approved.

III. Superintendent Updates

1. Updates: Staff were out again last week working with fire suppression companies performing required Sprinkler Flow Tests. On New Years Day, our on-call tech was called out for a dirty water complaint. Once the tech performed flushing on Pine Street, a couple more complaints came in which are not uncommon. The tech flushed a couple hydrants at a constant steady rate which changed the direction of the water and helped remove any sediment in that stretch of the pipe. It is recommended for the residents who see dirty water to run as many cold-water faucets at once to help remove sediment from the homeowner's portion of their water service. It is also a good idea for residents to flush their hot water tank at least twice a year to help remove any sediment. Commissioner Steven Bishop mentioned there is a water filter rebate program as well for residents who would like to get a whole house filter.
2. Public Notification: A public notification was mailed out last week to residents regarding a TTHM exceedance. The Water Department has only received about

4/5 calls from residents regarding this public notice. Superintendent Frank Fournier reiterated that this is not an emergency and the public notice was sent out as required by Mass DEP to use as an educational tool. If any residents have concerns, they can contact their physician or refer to the website listed on the public notice. As mentioned at the last meeting, as well as being posted on the notice, we have short term and long-term goals about how to lower the TTHM amounts. Superintendent Frank Fournier also mentioned that they have been working with Mass DEP to lower the PH level even before this violation.

3. Well 3: Well 3 was taken offline in December after tracking a slow steady increase in PFAS. It is to be noted that these levels did not exceed the limit; however, the Well was taken offline as recommended by Mass DEP. We ran without Well 3 for the majority of December but were not happy with the run times at our other wells. Therefore, Well 3 was turned back online in January. We will continue to monitor the PFAS levels and in the event we have an exceedance, a public notification will be sent out as required by Mass DEP.
4. Temporary Well Pump: Bids for Wells 5A and 6A are out and will be awarded on January 18th. We have sought out an approval from Mass DEP to install a temporary pump at these locations. Security Fencing will also be part of the Well 5A and 6A Project.

IV. Jonathan O'Reilly – 79 West Main St – Betterment Abatement

1. Commissioner Steven Bishop invited town resident Jonathan O'Reilly to discuss the application for a Sewer Betterment Abatement at 79 West Main Street. Jonathan O'Reilly stated that the property was originally assessed as a two-family home, which was a mistake. He provided paperwork from the Building Department showing it was a single-family home and had the Assessors go back out to correct it. Documents from the Assessors show the correction.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the sewer betterment abatement for Jonathan O'Reilly-79 West Main Street in the amount of \$16,000. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

V. Dan Couture-Pine Village Condominiums – Betterment Abatement

1. Commissioner Steven Bishop invited town resident Dan Couture to discuss the application for a Sewer Betterment Abatement at Pine Village Condominiums. Dan Couture stated his concern about the \$16,000 betterment and the hardships that it will cause the residents of Pine Village. Residents Lindsey Sanford and Marcie Campot also stated their concerns and asked for clarification on how the \$16,000 amount came to be. Weston and Sampson's Steve Pedersen replied that the Water/Sewer Commissioners voted on the amount based off of the last time betterments were assessed, which was in 2003 for the Winnecunnet project. They

took the last betterment amount, which was \$11,183, and added 2% yearly to figure out what the current betterment should be. The residents asked for a better breakdown, as well as a copy of the Contract. The Commissioners empathized with the residents and will work on sending that information over to them.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to deny the sewer abatements for Units 1-6 at 85 West Main Street and Units 1-6 of 91 West Main Street. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. Weston & Sampson – Water/Sewer Project Updates – Steve Pedersen & Tara McManus

Sewer – Steve Pedersen

1. As discussed at the last meeting, Weston and Sampson is in the process of working with Turtle Crossing to put a contract together to complete a Peer Review.
2. The Knollwood & Holly Road Generator Contract was sent to Superintendent Frank Fournier to forward to Town Hall.
3. There is not much going on at Cobb Street while we wait for the generator to be delivered.
4. We are in the process of working on meeting with Town Hall about municipal complex sewer connection.

Water – Tara McManus

5. Bid opening date for Replacement Wells 5 & 6 is January 18th.
6. On December 31st we received approval from Mass DEP to put the interim temporary pump in at Well 5A.
7. Investigation work is being done now for Well 4 - we did install some test Wells that look good and Replacement Well 4 looks like a viable option to use.
8. Weather has put a delay on test well drilling at Well 1, hoping to get back out there sometime next week.
9. The Emergency Response Plan under the AWIA (American Water Infrastructure Act) is complete and in accordance; however, there are some minor edits that need to be done.

VII. Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance

1. Superintendent Frank Fournier has been in contact with Director of Planning, Paul DiGiuseppe, regarding 196 Mansfield Ave. The new applicant for that location would like to get approved by the Planning Board before signing an agreement with the Water Department for how much Water flow they will need; however, we are normally the first stop. Superintendent Frank Fournier made comment that Paul DiGiuseppe can be available to talk more about this; however, Commissioner Steven Bishop would like to have more discussion with the Board at the next meeting before bringing Paul DiGiuseppe in.

VIII. Bills & Correspondence

1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

IX. Next Meeting: January 25th – Virtual

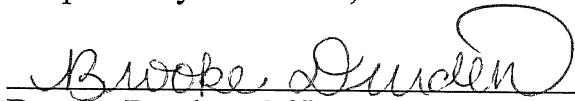
X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

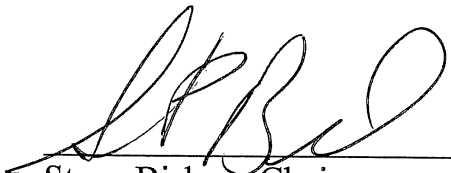
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

BOARD MEETING HELD: January 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



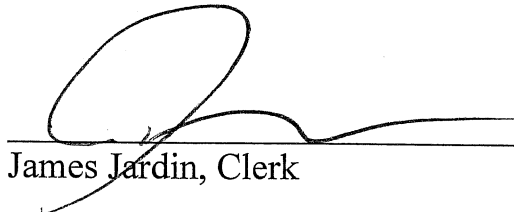
Brooke Durden, Office Administrator



Steve Bishop, Chairman

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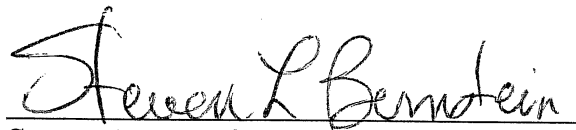
Date Approved



James Jardin, Clerk

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Steven Bernstein, Commissioner

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