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**Town of Norton
Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
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**Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2022**

I. Call to Order by Chair

The May 31, 2022 meeting of the Norton Water/Sewer Commissioners was held at 166 John Scott Blvd and remotely (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6389291060> - Meeting ID: 638 929 1060; Phone: 646-558-8656 – Meeting ID: 638 929 1060) and was called to order at 5:32 pm, by Commissioner Steven Bishop, Chair. Member(s) present: Commissioner James Jardin and Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Also in attendance: Assistant Superintendent John Harrop, Office Administrator Brooke Durden, Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus, 196 Mansfield Ave Representatives Elias Patoucheas, Jim Marsh & John Cuming and Turtle Crossing Representatives Sean Berry, Lou Tasiopoulos, Ryan Carrera, and Manny Pena.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

1. Minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting were approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Superintendent Updates – Assistant Superintendent John Harrop

1. Water Main Flushing: The flushing program will be wrapped up at the end of this week. Assistant Superintendent John Harrop stated that this has been the most successful flushing program the department has had since he has been here. Commissioner Steve Bishop asked if any complaints were received, as to which Assistant Superintendent Harrop responded that there have been almost none.
2. Resident Complaints: The Department has received some complaints regarding people watering their lawn with a sprinkler system. Assistant Superintendent

Harrop reminded residents that there is a by-law in place that only allows hand watering all year round – no sprinkler systems are allowed, unless you are on a non-potable well. Commissioner Steven Bernstein asked what the protocol is when they get these types of complaints. Assistant Superintendent Harrop stated that they first start out with a warning and if this problem continues, they can fine the resident, and ultimately have the right to terminate the service.

3. Flow Tests: It has been a very busy month for Hydrant and Sprinkler Flow Testing. There are a couple tests that will take place in June; however, due to high demand, we tend to not schedule them for the summer months. Commissioner Bishop praised the department on coordinating these tests with the flushing program.
4. Assistant Superintendent Harrop stated that someone installed a water line, backfilled it and turned the water on himself at a house on South Worcester Street. This Department was never notified of any work that was being done at that location, and that person was also not properly licensed with the Town. Since no proper inspections were done and no licenses were pulled, this person was fined \$350. The fine has been paid and they are now properly licensed; however, they still need to schedule a time to dig the work up and have it inspected by us.
5. Starting this week, we will be handing out Lead and Copper bottles for sampling and then starting the meter readings next week.
6. Last week, we received the Ram 1500 pickup truck that was ordered back in July.
7. Assistant Superintendent John Harrop mentioned that Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen was unable to make the meeting tonight; however, they did meet with Conservation at Holly Road to discuss the generator going in at that location and are in the process of filing an RDA. They also met down at the Knollwood Site and there are no issues with a generator going in at that location.

IV. 196 Mansfield Ave Discussion

1. Jim Marsh and his client John Cuming came before the Board to ask them to waive the Town's First Right of Refusal for the sewer capacity at 196 Mansfield Ave. The owner of the property, John Cuming, is interested in selling the land; however, the potential buyer, Elias Patoucheas, only wants a portion of the sewer capacity that comes with the land. Therefore, Mr. Cuming is also looking for the Commissioners to approve a partial transfer between Mr. Patoucheas and another piece of property in town.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to waive the Town's First Right of Refusal for the Sewer flow associated to 196 Mansfield Ave. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the transfer of 11,450 gallons of the 16,450 gallons of Sewer flow from 196 Mansfield Ave to a property or project to be determined provided that property or project is

an eligible property or project prior to closing. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

V. Turtle Crossing Peer Review

1. Sean Berry from Level Design Group stated they have received the Peer Review and would like to ask the Board for some suggestions regarding increasing the flow or replacing existing pumps at the proposed development. Due to Superintendent Frank Fournier and Weston and Sampson's Steve Pedersen's absence, it was decided that it would be best to wait to go over the specifics at a later time. Commissioner Steven Bernstein asked what the timing of this project is, as to which the developer, Ryan Carrera, responded hopefully within 6 months or less.

VI. Weston & Sampson – Tara McManus

1. The official original copies of the RDA were signed by Assistant Superintendent John Harrop and will be sent over to Conservation.
2. Turtle Crossing received a copy of the Peer Review with comments.
3. White Street is currently out to Bid, with a Bid opening for June 14th at 1pm. As of today, there are 9 bidders interested in the job. The Bid opening results will be presented at the Commissioners meeting on June 14th.
4. Notice of Intent for Well 4 was submitted to Conservation last week.
5. Pay Estimate #2 from Dankris Builders was presented to the Commissioners for the Wells 5 & 6 Replacement Project.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the pay estimate #2 for the Wells 5 & 6 Replacement Project for Dankris Builders Corp. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance

1. Commissioner Steven Bernstein asked what will be going in at 0 Newland Street, as to which Assistant Superintendent John Harrop stated it will be single family homes.
2. Commissioner Steven Bernstein also asked about flushing being done at Red Mill Village. Assistant Superintendent Harrop mentioned that it would not be done this time due to that location being off of East Main Street which has been flushed already. Assistant Superintendent Harrop also mentioned that Red Mill Village has been flushed more recently than some other locations in town which would take priority. Commissioner Steve Bishop wanted to note that if residents ever

notice an issue with their water, we will be more than happy to go out and assist them.

VIII. Bills & Correspondence

1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

IX. Next Meeting: June 14th & June 28th

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm. 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: may 31, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Durden
Brooke Durden, Office Administrator

Steve Bishop
Steve Bishop, Chairman

6-14-22
Date Approved

James Jardin
James Jardin, Clerk

6-14-22
Date Approved

Steven L Bernstein
Steven Bernstein, Commissioner

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