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Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2022

I. Call to Order by Chair

The June 29, 2022 meeting of the Norton Water/Sewer Commissioners was held at 166 John Scott Blvd 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 and 196 Mansfield Ave Representative Elias Patoucheas.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

1. Minutes from the May 23, 2022 and June 14, 2022 meetings were approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the May 23, 2022 meeting minutes of the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners. 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 June 14, 2022 meeting minutes of the Town of Norton Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Superintendent Updates

1. Flushing & Flow tests: Work with the Fire Suppression Companies has slowed down. One larger pump test took place at Autopart International on June 16th, which did generate some disturbance calls due to the test producing massive flows. This test was scheduled before Mass DEP declared a level 2 drought on June 15th.

2. Mass DEP Drought Declaration: On June 15th, Mass DEP declared a level 2 drought in the Northeast and Southeast regions causing water restrictions, as well as water conservation, to be put into place. The Town of Norton does not allow automatic type irrigations and sprinkler systems to be connected to the municipal water supply. If we remain in a level 2 drought, crews will be doing patrols for unauthorized water use and can fine those residents as listed under Section 2.13 of our Rules and Regulations. Commissioner Steve Bishop asked if the residents who have Wells need to put a sign up. Superintendent Frank Fournier responded that all Wells should be registered with the Board of Health and they should have an approved sign located on the front lawn, or in the most obvious spot, so we do not disturb them if we notice a sprinkler.
3. Mass DEP Recommendations: When Mass DEP makes changes to an advisory or condition, it usually comes with a list of recommendations. Superintendent Fournier listed off some of the recommendations and although he agreed they were relevant based on the drought levels, he stated how these could negatively impact the residents and businesses in town.
4. Reporting & Notices: Superintendent Frank Fournier and Assistant Superintendent John Harrop have been working together to get the required reports done for the end of this quarter. Superintendent Fournier stated that we had another exceedance of TTHM on Richardson Ave, which is the furthest location from the Water Treatment Facility. Even though we only exceeded by 1 part per billion, we are still required to send out a public notification to the residents. Superintendent Fournier stated this is not an emergency and there is nothing for the public to do, it is more of an educational notice like the manganese notice that goes out quarterly for Well #1. We have been taking additional water quality samples which we will report back to Mass DEP in hopes of having them allow us to lower the required levels.
5. Mass DOT Improvement Project: As Commissioner Steve Bishop requested at one of the previous meetings, the department did send out a letter to the residents along Route 123 where the Mass DOT Improvement Project is going on. This letter asked the residents in that area to use caution while doing laundry, as well as offering to set up an appointment with our department to inspect their water service to see if their portion should be replaced.

IV. 196 Mansfield Ave Discussion

1. 196 Mansfield Ave's representative, Elias Patoucheas, wanted to start off by thanking the Board, as well as Superintendent Frank Fournier, for all of their help over the last six months. Mr. Patoucheas stated that he has come to an agreement to sell the property to a larger developer who will build the project that was previously approved by the Town; however, as the Town has First Right of Refusal, the Board would have to approve the 5,000gpd to stay with the property.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin that the Town waives our First Right of Refusal for the Sewer capacity of 5,000 gpd for 196 Mansfield Ave. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner

**Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye.
MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. Discussion on Water Rules & Regulations Section 8 – Material Specifications

1. Section 8 of the Water Rules and Regulations for the Town of Norton currently states ductile iron pipe is the only approved type of material. However, due to problems acquiring this type of pipe and fittings, there is a request to have the Board review the possibility of adding Blue Brute (C900) to our approved materials list.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to add the Blue Brute (C900) piping to acceptable useable materials. 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

1. White Street: Weston & Sampson has completed their review and has made recommendation to award Gravity Construction. If the Commission is in agreement to award Gravity Construction, they will need to authorize Superintendent Fournier to sign and send the Notice of Intent Award Letter.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to authorize Superintendent Frank Fournier to sign and issue the Notice of Intent to Award to Gravity Construction for the White Street area Water Main Improvements Project. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Well 4: Mass DEP did not issue a file number in time for the previous Conservation Commission meeting, causing an extended hearing date. However, at this time a file number has been issued.
3. Holly Road: The RDA has been issued and we are all set to move forward with putting the generator in at Holly Road. The goal is to have this out to Bid in July and hopefully start the project in the Fall.
4. Town Municipal Complex: Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen will be looking over a draft this week on some alternatives for the Town Municipal Complex to tie into Sewer.
5. Norton Public Schools: As mentioned at previous meetings, Weston & Sampson will be working with the Yelle School to look at their connections and make sure the stormwater is going where it is supposed to be.
6. Superintendent Frank Fournier has been working with Weston & Sampson to complete the required documents regarding the new regulation on Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Public Notification Process.

7. Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen presented the renewed annual contract on the wastewater side for general services, which is the same amount that it has been for the last 10 years. Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus will present the renewed annual contract on the water side for general services at next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the agreement for Engineering Services between the Town of Norton and Weston & Sampson Engineers for General Engineering Consulting Services related to wastewater issues for fiscal year 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000. 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 stated that he met with Superintendent Fournier and the Turtle Crossing designers on June 23rd. The designers had previously submitted the plans to build a 40b with 172 units. The permit that they had expired and they must start the permitting process over. The designers were made aware that any approvals and agreements that they previously received are now null and void. They will work on a new set of plans to present to the Commissioners for approval.
2. Assistant Superintendent John Harrop mentioned that the department has finished the Lead and Copper sampling and we are just waiting on the lab. We are also waiting on our last manganese sample to publish our quarterly Secondary Containment Report.

VIII. Bills & Correspondence

1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

IX. Next Meeting: July 12th & July 26th

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners at 6:41pm. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

BOARD MEETING HELD: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Durden, Office Administrator

Steve Bishop, Chairman

Date Approved

James Jardin, Clerk

Date Approved

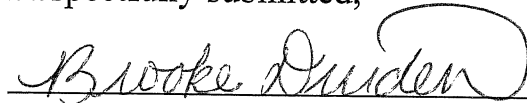
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