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**Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners**  
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**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 12, 2022**

**I. Call to Order by Chair**

The July 12, 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 James Jardin, Acting Chair. Member(s) present: Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Commissioner Steve Bishop arrived at the meeting via zoom at 5:52pm. Also in attendance: Superintendent Frank Fournier, Assistant Superintendent John Harrop, Office Administrator Brooke Durden, and Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus.

Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Minutes**

1. Minutes from the June 29, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the Town of Norton Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting minutes for June 29, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. Superintendent Updates**

1. Drought/Water Levels & Flushing: We remain in a Level 2 drought category. Mass DEP will be having another meeting with the Drought Advisory Committee to discuss the possibility of changing the drought categories. Superintendent Frank Fournier mentioned that the Town's daily water use has increased which is typical for this time of year. In order to maintain a measurable disinfection residual in all of the distribution systems, we have been turning over our dead-end water mains during some of the low demand hours.
2. Leaks: On Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, crews responded to a call for water bubbling up out of the ground at Fernandes Circle, which is a private way. The Town is not responsible for fixing private ways; however, crews did respond to shut the water

off and gave the homeowners a list of approved contractors that could perform the repairs. A contractor came out Friday and completed the work. Superintendent Fournier noted that Fernandes Circle was designed with only one fire hydrant which was installed before the homes water services. This created an issue for flushing the system after it was fixed, as well as safety concerns from the Commissioners.

3. Public Notices: As mentioned at our previous meeting, the TTHM notice was mailed out to residents, which is required by law when an exceedance occurs. Commissioner Bernstein asked if there was any way to edit the notice and simplify it, as to which Superintendent Fournier responded that this notice is provided by Mass DEP and unfortunately cannot be edited. Superintendent Fournier also wanted to reiterate that this exceedance is not town wide and is isolated to one sample that was taken at one of our dead-end locations. Superintendent Fournier mentioned that he will be meeting with Mass DEP, as well as our Engineers, tomorrow (July 13<sup>th</sup>) at 10am to discuss the TTHM exceedance evaluation report. As mentioned before, our goal is to get the PH lowered which was increased by Mass DEP based on an old and outdated study.
4. Manganese Notice: As required by Mass DEP, our Manganese notice, from samples taken last quarter, were posted and placed in the newspaper, as well as online. Superintendent Fournier mentioned this notice is not an emergency but instead used for educational purposes. Commissioner Steve Bishop asked if these are raw samples, as to which Superintendent Fournier confirmed that they are raw samples that are taken before blending at source locations.
5. New Health Advisories: New health advisories for PFAS, PFOA, GEN-X, and PFBS, are far stricter than what Mass DEP has in place right now. Superintendent Fournier stated that if these levels are enforced, they will be unachievable levels and will make it almost impossible for all water suppliers to pass all of the sampling requirements.

#### **IV. Weston & Sampson – Water/Sewer Project Updates – Tara McManus**

1. Wells 5 & 6: Weston & Sampson has been in communication with the contractor and is working on a schedule to set up a site meeting. We are hoping to start the work this Fall; however, are still waiting on an official schedule.
2. Well 4: We received the Notice of Intent at last night's Conservation Commission meeting and are just waiting on the official Order of Conditions. The goal is to start the work around October.
3. White Street: Weston & Sampson sent the contracts over to Gravity Construction, and will hopefully be able to present them to the Board within the next few weeks. Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus mentioned that the intent is to start the work this Fall.
4. American Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA): Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus would like to pick up the AWIA binder at the next meeting so the permanent printed copies can be sent over after some edits are done.

5. Holly Road/Knollwood: The Final Review Documents, such as plans and specifications, for the generators have been provided and reviewed. The Bid schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.
6. Town Municipal Complex: The draft memo was forwarded to Superintendent Frank Fournier, as well as Assistant Superintendent John Harrop and the Commissioners. The final memo will be delivered to the Town Manager after it is discussed at our next Board meeting.
7. Norton Public Schools: The Sewer I&I investigation at the Yelle School is scheduled for the end of this month.
8. SSO Public Notification: Superintendent Fournier worked with Weston & Sampson's John Potts to complete the Public Notification Plan before the deadline.

#### **V. Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance**

1. Superintendent Frank Fournier provided an update on the MA DOT Improvement Project and mentioned that the old section of the water main that will be abandoned is now off and all of the services and hydrants have been tied over to the new main. Within the next couple of weeks there will be a shutdown of the 12-inch main which will affect about five houses in that area. Those residents will be notified before the shutdown.
2. Commissioner Steve Bishop asked for any updates regarding the Auchincloss money. Superintendent Fournier has been in touch with the Town Accountant, as well as the Town Manager, who has not heard anything. A discussion will be had in the next couple of weeks to decide how to continue the funding for Wells 4, 5, and 6. Superintendent Fournier will update the Commissioners as soon as he receives more information.
3. Superintendent Frank Fournier stated there are some concerns regarding the Campanelli Sewer Transfer that was discussed back in March. The Board approved the Sewer Transfer from Campanelli to TPC Charities for two parcels of land, pending on paperwork from the attorney. We have been in contact with that attorney, and have received documentation; however, after review there seems to be some discrepancies. After some discussion between Superintendent Fournier, Assistant Superintendent Harrop, and the Commissioners, it was decided that the attorney should come before the Board again so they can get some clarification.
4. Superintendent Fournier mentioned that the Town Manager will be drafting a sub-lease agreement with Dish 5G for a shared location at 24 Cottage Street and is looking for input from the Commissioners regarding the amount of the removal bond. Currently, there is a carrier with a removal bond of only \$5,000; however, there is concern that amount is too low and it would cost the town more to remove any equipment left behind. The Commissioners agreed on a new removal bond in the amount of \$50,000 which Superintendent Fournier will present to the Select Board.
5. Commissioner Steven Bernstein asked for any updates regarding the DPW, as to which Superintendent Fournier stated that there was none.

6. Due to the slow return of the Lead and Copper samples, as well as the delay in the turnaround time from the lab, we have exceeded the window in which we have to report. Therefore, we will be receiving a non-compliance notice for reporting violations.

#### **VI. Bills & Correspondence**

1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

#### **VII. Next Meeting: July 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners at 7:06pm. 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: July 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Durden  
Brooke Durden, Office Administrator

Steve Bishop  
Steve Bishop, Chairman

7-26-22  
Date Approved

James Jardin  
James Jardin, Clerk

                      
Date Approved

Steven Bernstein  
Steven Bernstein, Commissioner

                      
Date Approved