

Town of Norton
Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
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Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022

I. Call to Order by Chair

The August 23, 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, PGA Tour Charities Representative Attorney Bill Rosa, and Planning Board Chair Timothy Griffin via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

1. Minutes from the July 23, 2022 and August 9, 2022 meetings were approved

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the meeting minutes of the July 26, 2022 meeting of the Norton 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 meeting minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting of the 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. Drought Update – As of August 9th, we remain under the Level 3 drought category. Before the rain today, we were trending of entering the Level 4 drought category within two weeks. Commissioner Steve Bishop asked what would

happen if we entered Level 4, to which Superintendent Frank Fournier stated that we would stop all testing as well as continue to restrict outdoor water use.

2. Unauthorized Flow Test Fines: As mentioned at the previous meeting, the fines for the two locations that completed unauthorized flow tests have been handed out. They have 30 days to pay the fine and as of today we have not heard from either location. We also mailed out notifications to all businesses in town who have Fire Suppression Systems to explain the process and what requirements we have.
3. Water Demand: Unfortunately, the Fire Department has been dealing with some brush fires, as well as assisting other towns with fires. Superintendent Fournier is in the process of working with the Fire Lieutenant to hook up to their calling system so we are aware of when there is a demand for water.
4. Yesterday morning, one of our techs noticed an unauthorized water truck hooked up to a hydrant getting water off of Meadowbrook Lane. After some discussion between our tech and the driver of the water truck, it was stated they have been using the hydrant all weekend. Superintendent Frank Fournier did reach out to the Supervisor of the company letting them know this is not allowed and they could face a fine. Unfortunately, there is no way we know how much water was used; however, Superintendent Frank Fournier, as well as the Commissioners, believe a fine is justified as listed under the Rules and Regulations of the Norton Water Department Section 5.12.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to issue a fine to S&R Corporation of Lowell in the amount of \$300 under Norton's Rules and Regulations Section 5.12 on Meadowbrook Lane for Unauthorized Fire Hydrant Flow. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Rt. 123 Mass DOT Project: The contractor is finishing up the water portion of the project. Two more shut downs will occur in order to fix portions of the main. The bigger shut down will be done at night to lessen the impact. Also, as mentioned at a previous meeting, our department asked the contractor completing the work to install another hydrant between the Wheaton Loop and the Fire Department to meet AWA standards.

IV. PGA Tour Charities – Continued Discussion

1. Back at the March 22, 2022 Board of Water/Sewer Commissioner's meeting, the Commissioners voted to approve the Sewer Transfer Rights from Campanelli to PGA Tour Charities for Parcels 301 and 292 on Map 9 pending appropriate paperwork. After that meeting, it was discovered that the Commissioners would also have to approve the transfer of 70,000 gpd, that the Town is holding aside for Campanelli, to PGA Tour Charities until the existing contract expires. Attorney Rosa stated he will send over the Assignment & Assumption Agreement for the Commissioner's to review before a vote is taken.

V. Timothy Griffin & Residents – Pine St. Cluster Development Discussion

1. Planning Board Chair, Timothy Griffin, came before the Water/Sewer Commissioners to discuss the Pine Street Cluster Development and asked when the Planning Board should notify the Water/Sewer Department of any projects going on inquiring about those services. Superintendent Fournier mentioned that it is always good to be notified as soon as possible. Pine Street Residents were present via zoom and stated some of their concerns regarding the water quality in that area and are concerned that more homes will make the water quality worse. Superintendent Frank Fournier mentioned that water movement always improves water quality; therefore, additional services will be beneficial. Superintendent Fournier also mentioned that if residents experience any water quality issues, they should always call the Department.

VI. Weston & Sampson – Water/Sewer Project Updates

1. Wells 5 & 6: We are waiting to hear back from the Contractor to set a date to mobilize Well 6. As discussed at the last meeting, the Board agreed to move forward with the temporary VFD, allowing the Well to become mobilized sooner.
2. Sewer: Superintendent Fournier mentioned there are some calls into Eversource to try and lock in gas service upgrades to both Sewer Generator locations.

VII. Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance

1. Commissioner Steven Bernstein asked Superintendent Frank Fournier to make a statement regarding today's rain not changing the drought situation, as to which he did.
2. Superintendent Fournier wanted to remind all Norton residents that there are multiple benefits to calling the department if they experience dirty water.

VIII. Bills & Correspondence

1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

IX. Next Meetings: September 13th & September 27th

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners at 7:09pm. 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: August 23, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Durden
Brooke Durden, Office Administrator

Steve Bishop, Chairman

Date Approved

James Jardin
James Jardin, Clerk

9-13-22
Date Approved

Steven L. Bernstein
Steven Bernstein, Commissioner

9/13/22
Date Approved