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**Town of Norton  
Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners  
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Norton, MA 02766  
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**Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2022**

**I. Call to Order by Chair**

The September 13, 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. Member(s) absent: Commissioner Steve Bishop. Also in attendance: Superintendent Frank Fournier, Assistant Superintendent John Harrop, Office Administrator Brooke Durden, Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus & Steve Pedersen

Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Minutes**

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

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

**III. Superintendent Updates**

1. Drought Update: Our area has been upgraded from a Level 3 – Critical Drought to a Level 2 – Significant Drought. Handheld hoses will now be allowed, but only during our off-peak demand hours which are between 7pm and 6am. Updates on the drought have been posted on the website and will be posted on the electronic signs as well.
2. Public Notification: Two of our dead-end main locations, Richardson Ave and Dean Street, exceeded the long-running annual average for TTHM. As required by MA DEP, a public notice will go out to all residents in the Town, whether they have services with us or not. As stated in the past, Superintendent Frank Fournier wants to reiterate that this is not an emergency.

3. Wastewater: A Sanitary Sewer Overflow occurred Saturday night on Pine Street. Crews responded quickly and there was no interruption in service. Commissioners Steven Bernstein and James Jardin wanted to commend the Department on doing a great job.

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

##### **Water – Tara McManus**

1. Weston & Sampson continues to work with the Water Department on taking additional samples to put together a report for Mass DEP.
2. Due to confusion on how hydrants were labeled in the GIS System, Superintendent Frank Fournier met with the Fire Department to discuss updates.
3. Wells 5 & 6 Replacement Project: There was an official pre-construction meeting today with Dankris, as well as with the Conservation Agent. The hope is to have Well 6A up and ready for testing by the end of October. Once everything is up and running there, work will start at Well 5. Pay Estimate #4 was presented to the Board for approval.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Steven Bernstein to approve Pay Estimate #4 for the Wells 5 & 6 Replacement Project to Dankris Builders Corp. in the amount of \$9,319.50. Seconded by Commissioner James Jardin. Vote: Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Jardin – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Surveyors have been out, as well as crew from the Department to mark out services, for the South Worcester and East Hodges Street Area Water Main Project.
5. There was no update on White Street; however, the work is still intended to start in the Fall. Commissioner Steven Bernstein asked if the pre-construction meeting already occurred, as to which Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus stated they like to wait until they have a schedule.

##### **Sewer – Steve Pedersen**

6. Holly Road & Knollwood: Generators are out to Bid and the Bid Open Date is set for September 29<sup>th</sup>.
7. Cobb Street: The contractor is still expecting the generator to be shipped in November.
8. Clean Water Needs Survey: Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen stated these surveys are done for states to report back to the feds how much money they anticipate needing over the next 20 years for potential projects. Mass DEP pays for the Consultants to do these surveys.
9. The Town Municipal Complex Report has been submitted to Town Hall.
10. Norton Public Schools: Weston & Sampson is currently working on the report for the I/I analysis.

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

1. Commissioner Bernstein asked if there were any updates from Island Brook or Turtle Crossing, which there has not been.
2. Assistant Superintendent John Harrop stated he attended a meeting regarding 196 Mansfield Ave. The developers at that location would like to have the Water Taps done by Fall; however, they need to verify if they have a Road Opening Permit from the State.
3. Superintendent Fournier mentioned that the work at 195 Mansfield Ave is still moving along. There was a delay in finishing the water line because they ran out of pipe; however, they were able to get some pipe shipped in to finish the lateral extension to the hydrant that goes out back.
4. Commissioner James Jardin brought up the Transfer of Sewer Rights between Campanelli and PGA Tour Charities but wanted to wait until Commissioner Steve Bishop was present to get into further discussion.
5. Commissioner Bernstein asked if we ever looked at potentially using the Norton Reservoir as a water source. Superintendent Fournier responded yes but they are unable to do so because of the amount of money that would have to be spent to dredge that to get it deep enough.

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

1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

#### **VII. Next Meeting: September 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Steven Bernstein to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners at 6:22pm. Seconded by Commissioner James Jardin. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

BOARD MEETING HELD: September 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Durden

Brooke Durden, Office Administrator

SPB

Steve Bishop, Chairman

Date Approved

JJ

James Jardin, Clerk

10-11-22

Date Approved

Steven L Bernstein

Steven Bernstein, Commissioner

10/11/22

Date Approved