

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY MARCH 7, 2011

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6:30pm Meeting opened. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Alec Rich and Steve Wiseman present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Attorney Joe Cove.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 7, 2011 Board Meeting were read, approved and signed as submitted.

Habitat For Humanity: Claudette Terschel, V.P. and Paul George, Project Manager, came before the Board to discuss water and sewer permit fees. They acknowledged the Board's policy regarding a 25% reduction in fees for affordable housing but requested additional consideration given this is not affordable housing, stating affordable housing still has a profit margin for the builder/developer and this housing is strictly nonprofit. Mr. Knapp stated for the record that he spoke to some of the employees and they are willing to donate their time to put the water service in. After further discussion Steve Wiseman motioned to approve the \$365.00 charge for the water meter and radio box and \$8,652.50 charge for the sewer permit for a total of \$9027.50. Alec Rich seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Wiseman – aye

Alec Rich – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

Thorndike/Red Mill Village: Mr. Lloyd Geisinger and David Eastridge came before the Board to discuss the status of the acquisition of the sewer lift station and force main as well as the capacity fee issue. It was stated that the investment for the lift station and force main was around \$500,000.00. They are willing to negotiate with the town regarding taking over ownership but would also like consideration on the capacity fees being assessed. The special act and legislation was discussed and the reasoning for it. The Board stated they would consider the acquisition of the lift station and force main in lieu of the FY-10 assessment (\$22,3030.00). Mr. Geisinger question the fees for the next two to three years. The Board advised him to put what he proposes in writing and they can go from there.

Attorney Cove discussed with the Board the opinion of Kathleen Colicary (DOR) regarding the immediate use of the capacity assessment fees. (Correspondence attached). It was suggested the only way to utilize these funds would be by early certification of free cash prior to June 30th. Attorney Cove stated he would be happy to discuss this option with the Town Accountant.

The Board discussed contacting Mark Abrahams. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting to discuss pursuing Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds.

Fran Yanuskiewicz informed the Board of his meeting with representatives of the EPA, DEP, Woodard & Curran and Attorney David Manoogian, regarding Wheaton College's NPDES Permit. It was confirmed Wheaton has a permit to discharge 120,000 gallons. They are looking for a total of 180,000 gallons to support future building. They are not able to get a permit increase, therefore the additional 60,000 gallons would have to be recharged. If Wheaton became a Norton sewer customer the transfer of the 120,000g/p/d permit would be allowed.

Fran stated CDM has to finalize their report before he is able to continue with a cost analysis to present to Wheaton.

IMA- Update: Proper draftsmanship of the MFN Agreement is being reviewed by Joe and Attorney Rod Hauffman (Town Counsel to Mansfield and Foxboro).

The Reilly property acquisition is being negotiated by Mansfield, and will include such terms and conditions as a signed agreement to Eminent Domain taking and its purpose, the dollar figure and a written and signed consent of the release and waiver consenting to the taking.

Norton and Mansfield Agreement stating Mansfield will fund the taking.

FinCom meeting has been rescheduled from the 14th to March 23rd at 7:30pm.

Selectmen's Meeting March 10th. Executive Session at 7:30pm.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence read.

Next meeting Monday March 28, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:30pm.

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

BOARD MEETING HELD: MARCH 7, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Melito
Office Administrator

Diane McElligott
Diane McElligott, Chairwoman

28 Mar 2011
Date Approved

Alec E. Rich III
Alec E. Rich III, Clerk

Date Approved

Steven Wiseman
Steven Wiseman, Member

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