

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2011

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

Thorndike-RedMill: No response

Jean Falke: Mrs. Falke of 119 Plain Street came before the Board to discuss her water bill. Keith Silver accompanied her. Mr. Silver stated he is Mrs. Falke's neighbor, she is a widow, lives alone and is on a fixed income. Her quarterly water bills are about thirty three dollars (she uses minimum water). Her current bill is \$472.75 and he thinks the Board should do something about it, reduce it, waive it , something. Mrs. Falke stated she called the water department when she received her bill in the mail because she thought it was a mistake. She was given an appointment the next day. The water department crew found a leaking toilet. The Board sympathized with her but explained it is the homeowners responsibility to keep all plumbing in good repair. The Board would not waive or reduce the amount owed but did agree to waive any interest if she needed to make payments that would bring her beyond the due date. Commissioner Wiseman also offered her his services as a Massachusetts certified plumber free of charge if she needed help repairing or replacing the toilet.

IMA Update: Diane McElligott stated that Rosemary Blacquier from the Town of Easton attended the last meeting. They are gathering information about becoming a customer of the District. Another question raised at the meeting was when the PILOT fees would begin. Norton's Town Manager attended. He intends to be active going forward.

The next IMA Meeting is April 20, 2011.

Attorney Cove went over the following issues with the Board regarding the District meeting:

- * Title To Reilly Property
 - * Executive Order #193
 - * Terms and Conditions
 - * Norton Town Meeting
 - * District Committee Meetings
- (Outline attached)

Chairwoman Diane McElligott stated although it's a difficult decision the Board must take action on the excessive absence of Commissioner Alec Rich. This Board cannot continue to operate as a two person Board. After further discussion Commissioner Steve Wiseman motioned to notify Alec Rich by certified and regular mail that the Board will consider a motion to declare a vacancy in his position on the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners at their next meeting April 25, 2011. Diane McElligott seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Wiseman –aye

Diane McElligott –aye

So voted

Mark Abrahams: Mr. Abrahams met with the Board to discuss his proposed scope of work and the estimated cost. Each bullet was discussed, after review the Board requested some items be deleted and add services not currently addressed. Mr. Abrahams said he would resubmit the proposal by the next Board meeting with the changes and additions and price proposal for their review.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board that the Town Manager said the bonded money already in place for water projects can be used for the Mansfield Avenue Project as well as the money already appropriated from surplus. Mr. Knapp stated there were seven bids with the lowest responsible bidder being K.R.Rezendes in the amount of \$170,010.00.

Steve Wiseman motioned to award the Mansfield Avenue Water Main Replacement Project to K.R. Rezendes in the amount of \$170,010.00 based on the recommendation of Otter Creek Engineering as the lowest responsible bidder. Diane McElligott seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Wiseman – Aye

Diane McElligott – Aye

So Voted.

Mr. Knapp submitted a proposal from Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$13,480.00 for design and permitting needed at Well #4 to complete the DEP requirements.

Steven Wiseman motion to approve the contract with Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$13,480.00 for the purpose of design and engineering at Well #4 to complete DEP requirements. Diane McElligott seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Wiseman – aye

Diane McEllilgott – aye

So voted.

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Mr. Knapp presented the appraisal done by Claude A. Giroux on the Kimball property located at 51 Pine Street. After review the Board pointed out many discrepancies and inconsistencies within the report. The scope of work requested is not supported by the information contained in the report. Steve Wiseman motioned to table the issue until such time Mr. Giroux can be questioned. Diane McElligott seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:
Steve Wiseman – aye
Diane McElligott – aye
So voted.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting April 25, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.