

**BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 JOHN SCOTT BLVD., NORTON, MA 02766
MONDAY JULY 11, 2011 - MINUTES**

6:00pm. Meeting opened. Commissioners Luke Grant and Steve Wiseman present.
Also present Duane Knapp and Rose Melito.

Commissioner Grant assumed the Chairman's position in the absence of Diane McElligott.

Ray Walker, Plumbing Inspector: Mr. Walker was asked to come before the Board to discuss the installation of running traps with regard to odor problems, specifically in the Knollwood Street (K-Streets) area of Town. He stated they are against State Code and was adamant he would not support or approve permits for their installation. Mr. Knapp insisted they are used all over the country without incident. He also reiterated that Mr. Walker was suppose to provide an alternative solution to the odor problem if he would not support the running traps. Mr. Walker responded by saying he is not an engineer, he is not qualified to design the solution, it would be up to us to hire engineers to do that, and he told Mr. Purcell that as well. He is the Town's Plumbing Inspector and he will not allow something that goes directly against the Massachusetts State Plumbing Code. Commissioner Wiseman agreed, the State Code states all traps must be vented and that defeats the purpose. If it's vented you'll still have odor problems. Commissioner Wiseman said he knows the State Chief Inspector, he'll give him a call and ask for a response, and if the traps are allowable to follow up in writing. Mr. Walker said if you get in writing that the State will allow the installation of these traps without the proper venting then it's out of his hands. Commissioner Grant asked what options are left if the traps are denied. Commissioner Wiseman stated they're buttoning up these sewer systems so tight there's no where for the gasses (odors) to go except back up the home owners stink pipes, the only thing to stop that is a backwater valve outside the house. The Board agreed to table the issue until Commissioner Wiseman speaks to the Chief Inspector. The Board thanked Mr. Walker for his time and cooperation.

All appropriately processed bill were signed.

Next meeting Wednesday July 27, 2011 at 6:30pm.

6:50pm Meeting adjourned to attend the Conservation Committee Meeting at the Town Hall.