

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
166 John Scott Blvd.  
Norton, MA 02766

6:30pm. Meeting opened. Commissioners Luke Grant and Steve Wiseman present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito and Fran Yanuskiewicz.

In the absence of Diane McElligott, Luke Grant assumed the Chairman's position.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:** Mr. Knapp informed the Board that the lab notified us of two coliform hits in our routine samples this week. The area was flushed and chlorine levels were increased as a precaution. It appears issues at the old GM property last evening has caused chaos (dirty water) through the whole system, hopefully we will be able to sample out.

Norton Glenn was notified that a Public Notice is required for their sewer permit request (by DEP). They haven't contacted Keith Silver for road opening and paving requirements.

Commissioner Grant asked for an update on the demolition of the old tank. Mr. Knapp responded both Verizon and Sprint's counsel of record were notified to have all equipment of site by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Bid documents need some modifications but will be advertised the first week of November with a bid opening date the end of November.

Items to be discussed at the Capital Committee meeting: \$10,000.00 – Flyght Pump, \$12,000 – Pit Evacuator-Knollwood Pump Station, \$14,000- Kimball Easement, and the balance of revenue vs expenses to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund.

The Town Manager would like to speak to the Board regarding the Campenelli issue. It will most likely be in Executive Session. Commissioner Grant directed Mr. Knapp to invite him (as well as Selectmen) to our next Board Meeting.

**Project Updates:** JF Kennedy, Sanlin and Eisenhower have been tied into the 12" ductile iron main and the a.c. pipe is abandoned. Smith Street and Freeman Street @ Mansfield Avenue still need to be cut and capped.

Mr. Knapp asked the Board to consider the following: Creating a Secondary Well Operators position; eliminating the Foreman's position and utilize the Assistant Superintendent's position that is already established. The Board took it under advisement.

Commissioner Grant asked that the discussion of workboots be brought back to the table. He asked Mr. Knapp what the current policy is. Mr. Knapp stated currently the department pays directly for the uniforms and the guys get \$400.00 a year for workboots. It states "safety work shoes" in the contract. Commissioner Grant said that language is unacceptable. After further discussion Commissioner Wiseman motioned; Effective immediately employees will be required to wear steel toe or composite (safety toe) workboots at all times while on duty. Commissioner Grant second the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Wiseman- aye

Luke Grant – aye

So voted.

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Commissioner Grant inquired again about the ‘temporary occupancy’ of the office building. He stated I do not want to be in the position of last minute, under the gun deadlines to get stuff done. He directed Mr. Knapp to contact the conservation agent and schedule a site-walk. I want to know now if she has any issues. Get cost estimates for the paving and make contact with the building inspector and health agent.

Information on “**Attorney General Certifies Initiative Petition on Rate Cap**” was given to each member.

FinCom Meeting 9/28/11

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence read.

Next meeting October 11, 2011 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.