

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
February 9, 2012

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

Budget Review: Mark presented the budget with estimated indirect costs, anticipated capital expenses, some updates and two scenarios for the sewer enterprise budget (one with and one without general fund subsidy). He informed the Board that the information being reviewed also contains the language to be used for the motion for each budget. Joe Cove was asked about legal representation for both water and sewer departments as enterprise funds. He responded he didn't see a problem with it, he is providing a service as opposed to being appointed Legal Counsel for the entire Town. The Board asked Mark to be available for the FinCom meeting. Mark said he would and will continue to update the spreadsheets as information becomes available.

The Board agreed to submit place holders for the two budget articles and one to transfer the sum of \$660,000.00 from the general fund to the sewer stabilization fund.

Borrowing for water and sewer capital projects will need to be discussed with the Town Manager, Town Treasurer and Bond Counsel in the very near future.

Attorney Cove – Update:

Joe stated it is his opinion that sewer capacity cannot be taken by eminent domain.

RedMill Village- Their office has been moved and is now located in Hudson. The agreement should be signed in the next few weeks. The lateral for the Nursing Home is also included in the language. A combined effort with Weston & Sampson to complete and file the Conveyance Plan and Easement is still in progress.

9:10pm. Commissioner Wiseman motioned that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations for the IMA/Tri-Town District, then return to regular session. Luke Grant seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Wiseman – aye

Luke Grant – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

10:55pm. Regular Session called back to order. All Commissioners present.

Superintendent's Updates:

Mr. Knapp spoke to the managers/owners of Aubochon Hardware and the Produce Barn. Both sell and stock whole house charcoal filters and cartridges and both agreed to give Norton residents discounted pricing.

FY-13 work schedule includes services on North Worcester, Oak and Howard Streets, and tank cleaning. Commissioner Grant asked that Mr. Knapp contact the highway superintendent and work in conjunction with each other.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next IMA meeting February 13, 2012 – Commissioner Wiseman agreed to represent Norton.

Next Board Meeting February 16, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 11:15pm.