

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766
Thursday March 8, 2012

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

Superintendent Updates: Mr. Knapp informed the Board the STM warrant articles are due by March 20, 2012.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board of his discussions with Marc Daigle (Dakota Partners Inc) representative of Turtle Crossings. He submitted a letter dated February 28, 2012 outlining proposed water and sewer fees. After reviewing the letter Commissioner McElligott stated she would agree with the water proposal but will not agree to the sewer. She highlighted the credit for offsite work and stated it cannot be deducted from the reduced fee of \$27/gal. The option is \$35/gal or \$20/gal with infrastructure that benefits the Town. After further discussion the Board Members agreed and directed Mr. Knapp to contact Mr. Daigle and inform him of the only two options available for the sewer fees.

Red Mill Village- Update: Attorney Cove informed the Board that the language for both the transfer (sewer pump station, force main) agreement and sprinkler fee agreement has been finalized, and all exhibits confirmed. He will have them ready for signatures at the next Board Meeting and asked that it be a specific agenda item.

Bill Landry/Norton Glen: Attorney Landry discussed his letter addressed to Attorney Cove dated March 8, 2012 (attached). He stated this is one of many projects financed under Mass Housing and assured them there is no option but to go forward with the Norton Glen project. The Board expressed their concerns with the lack of follow up from DiPrete Engineering (still no response from the October 2011 meeting), their additional design changes and the unanswered questions regarding the payment of fees. They would like an absolute due date defined. The Board asked that Attorney Landry inquire about the time frame for releasing money.

Updates:

Tri-Town Sewer District: Reilly property acquisition- trying to close by the end of June 2012.
Outstanding IMA agreement issues- Fran will organize language based on notes from February 16th meeting.

Next Step: Deletion of Flow Commitment/Formulas
Respective Attorney Reviews

CWWMP-Completion: Fran summarized the major tasks that still need to be conducted as part of the scope of work associated with finalizing Norton's CWWMP. Estimated cost \$150,000.00 (attached).
Next Step: Meet with Mike Yunits for concurrence *before* FinCom meeting on March 21st.

Iron & Manganese Pilot Test: Testing results are coming in.

Next Step: Submit Pilot Testing Program Application to DEP – Goal is to get DEP approval prior to Town Meeting.
Get Funding approved at Town Meeting
Design Scope Issues

Taunton Inter-Municipal Issues:

Water – Due to ph, disinfectant and pressure issues these discussions are on hold.

Wastewater – At this time Taunton is not offering any additional substantial flow. They are willing to allow **total** use of the 52,000/g/p/d even if it is just outside the original design use area (Lake Winnecunnet) . An additional ten to twenty thousand gallons per day may be negotiable with an amendment to the existing IMA agreement.

Wheaton College Wastewater Issues: Brian Douglas has been named new Chief Financial Officer in charge of development. A meeting should be scheduled with him for formal introduction and to begin discussing projected connection fees/charges, as well as pump station/force main design and construction responsibilities.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting March 21, 2012 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:45pm.