

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 JOHN SCOTT BLVD., NORTON MA 02766
APRIL 12, 2012

6:30pm. Meeting opened. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Luke Grant and Steve Wiseman present. Also present Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Atty. Joe Cove. Duane Knapp (on vacation).

The discussion opened with questioning the legality of the information being sent to town voters by the Selectmen regarding the April 24, 2012 Ballot Questions/Elections. Board members expressed grave concern that the compliance requirements of Mass G.L. 43B-11, were not adhered to. In addition the (2) letters sent out had many inconsistencies and improper reporting. The Board agreed to send a letter to the Selectmen with copies to the Town Manager, Town Clerk and the Attorney General's Office, giving official notice of objection and the possibility of further action.

Attorney Cove – Updates: The Red Mill Agreement (force main & pump station) is filed and on public record. No response received (as of today) regarding the letter of April 2, 2012 to Attorney Landry. *Wheaton College:* He stated he owes a letter to Attorney Dave Manoogian regarding the Water Resources Commission – Inter Basin Transfer Issue (NO Inter Basin Transfer is required), he will follow through with that letter as well as set up a meeting to take place after the elections and re-organization.

Fran Yanuskiewicz – Updates: Fran reminded the Board the Red Mill pump station and force main are now the towns responsibility and the town needs to incorporate it into the town's SCADA system as soon as possible. He has a request into Dave Eastridge for current operation and maintenance records, but the SCADA system installer needs to be notified and informed of what's needed. Duhamel (DiPriete Engineering) is asking for the latest comments. Fran recommended scheduling a meeting with Duhamel, Attorney Landry, Joe Cove and Duane as soon as possible. These "value engineering" changes need to stop, issues need to be in writing and agreed upon. The Board agreed, the sooner the better.

Fran submitted the *Draft Agreement* for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan which outlines and authorizes W&S to begin the \$150,000 project with the understanding a maximum of \$20,000.00 of the project budget will be expended prior to the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting at which time full funding will be approved. After review Commissioner Wiseman motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion. No further discussion.

All in favor:

Steve Wiseman – aye

Luke Grant – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

IMA – Updates: The estimated \$54 million expansion cost is now estimated at \$30 million and as a result is now financially feasible. This Board needs to make a decision on whether Norton wants an additional 150,000g/p/d or 250,000g/p/d.

Wheaton College is a Norton customer and all talks with Wheaton will be done with Norton representatives. Their 120,000g/p/d permit will be incorporated **before** the plant expansion and that's what their costs should be based on.

Next IMA meeting April 30, 2012.

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The Board approved sending a *SECOND NOTICE* to Capanelli for the unpaid capacity fee bill, with a courtesy call to the Town Manager notifying him the notice is being sent.

The Board directed Mrs. Melito to send a letter to the financial advisor at Wheaton College regarding their concerns of previous water usage and billings.

Commissioner Grant stated he would like the Superintendent to get surveillance options and pricing for all water and sewer stations given the recent vandalism.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting April 26, 2012 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned 10:30pm