

BOARD OR WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766

April 26, 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.

Re-Organization: Diane McElligott made a motion to nominated Steve Wiseman as Chairman of the Board. Luke Grant seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Diane McElligott – aye

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Wiseman – aye

So voted.

Diane McElligott made a motion to nominate Luke Grant as Clerk of the Board. Steve Wiseman seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Diane McElliot – aye

Steve Wiseman – aye

Luke Grant – aye

So voted.

Norton Glen – Updates: Attorney Cove discussed the meeting of April 23rd which included Duane, Fran, Attorney Bill Landry, Lou Calcagni (construction manager) and Chris Duhamel (engineer). The outcome of that meeting is *the costs are too high*. Bottom line; they need to reduce costs. An option for discussion is allowing a credit (\$135,000.00) up front for what would be their portion of fees from property tie-ins along East Main Street (\$15/gal). After much discussion the Board agreed they would consider the up-front credit **IF** the following is adhered to:

- 1.) \$660,000.00 - Permit fees – defined date of payment
- 2.) \$15,000.00 - Payment towards the upgrade of pumps at Red Mill Village
- 3.) Across the street laterals to be installed to the property line
- 4.) Additional \$50,000 to \$60,000 to be added to the existing legal/engineering account that was established for this project.
- 5.) Establish a time frame (start by date and complete by date)

Attorney Cove was requested to follow-up in writing with Attorney Landry regarding these issues.

Superintendents – Updates: Mr. Knapp stated he expects to be retiring by June 2013, and there is no one in-house qualified for the position. He strongly recommended that the Board consider adjusting the existing Assistant Superintendent position. Increase the pay range and fund it at the Fall Town Meeting. He would then have time to train the person and it would be an easier transition into the Superintendent's position. He informed the Board that he has over six months worth of comp time accumulated and plans on using most of it up before retirement. He is working two days a week and is available by phone if he's needed. He also requested that as soon as possible another Board Member replace him as a voting member on the IMA Committee.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board he acknowledged Mr. Gouveia's complaint. He went to the residence and spoke to his son. Left his contact numbers and asked that Mr. Gouveia call him. He has not called as of today.

One service a day is being completed on North Worcester Street with about thirty more to do.

The requirements to run the School Department's wastewater treatment plant is a Grade 4 or higher. The sewer department staff does not hold these licenses at this time and therefore cannot even consider taking over the plant.

Wheaton College: Now that it is established that the Board will remain as is (elected) Attorney Cove was asked to schedule a meeting with Wheaton reps the week of May 14th if possible or as soon as they are available. We can discuss a conceptual plan with figures; \$35/g/p/d. and we build the pump station and line to the interceptor. We need a starting point. They need to know they will be our customer and they will be dealing with us not the TriTown District, Mansfield or the Selectmen.

Fran informed the Board that Weston & Sampson is doing the *Clean Water Needs Survey* which includes Norton, Mansfield and Foxboro.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read

Next meeting Thursday May 10, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:15pm.