

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766
May 10, 2012

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

Minutes: The minutes of the March 29th and April 12, 2012 Board Meetings were read, approved and signed as submitted.

Chairman Wiseman informed the Board of the meeting held May 9th with John Sullivan and Brian Douglas of Wheaton College regarding their concerns over previous water usage and bills. The information we had prepared for this meeting documented their usage and costs for the past five years. From it they can clearly see their biggest users, including a master line meter (registers hydrant flow) that may be in their best interest to replace with individual meters. They did request that the Board consider using a different rate structure or reduced rates because of the uniqueness of their situation. After some discussion Commissioners Grant and McElligott agreed our rates are very fair and reasonable and we cannot treat them any different than our other customers. It is up to them to cut down on excessive and/or non essential use. Now that we have provided them with the documentation they should have target points to concentrate on. They are welcomed to come before the Board anytime and discuss the issue further.

Commissioner McElligott said she would respond to Jay Barrows regarding his proposal to Selectmen with regard to the IMA.

Superintendent – Updates: Lorell Management (Red Mill Village management company) contacted Duane about ownership and maintenance of the sewer pump station. The Board stated Attorney Cove at a previous meeting confirmed the agreement signed and filed, ownership and maintenance is ours. Fran also recommended at a previous meeting that our SCADA installer be brought in as soon as possible to get that station in our *loop*, so that if anything happens we get the alarm. Duane said he would confirm with Joe and follow up with the SCADA issue. Commissioner Grant stated the SCADA issue needs to be taken care of immediately.

Turtle Crossing: Still waiting for ZBA final approval to include ConCom;s Order of Conditions.

A copy of the response to Lee Azinheira (questioning the amount Norton is charging Mansfield to flow sewer through Norton's pump stations) was given to each Member for their records.

North Worcester Street project – moving slow due to weather and *lack* of personnel.
Cottage Street project – started.

Correspondence from Fran explaining his recommendation to remove Norton from the Intended Use Plan for SRF Funding (2012) was given to each Member.

Correspondence from the Town Manager regarding Charter Amendment changes was given to each Member notifying them of the Manager's authority over the Superintendent.

Next IMA meeting May 21, 2012.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.
Next meeting Wednesday May 30, 2012. Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.