

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766
May 30, 2012

6:30 p.m. Meeting opened. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Luke Grant and Steve Wiseman present. Also present Duane Knapp, Nancy Precourt, Fran Yanuskiewicz, Steve Pedersen and Attorney Joseph Cove.

Minutes: The minutes of April 26th and May 10th were tabled until the next meeting.

Superintendents-Updates: Mr. Knapp stated that he has spoken with Mike Yunits regarding proposed changes in union contracts with regard to work day hours and lunch hours. Presently the changes are in the discussion stage.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board that the plans for "Turtle Crossing" are almost complete with the changes requested by the water and fire departments.

The North Worcester Street project is moving slowly due to lack of personnel. Presently one service per day is being completed. The intention is to close the road when the school year ends for the summer so the work can be completed in a more timely manner.

The Cottage Street project has started and is moving along with no complications.

The bid opening for the Bay Road/Plain Street upgrades has been scheduled for June 28, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Knapp notified the Board that he had another meeting with the owner of 6 Bay Road regarding sewer odors. While at the site he was informed that another bathroom had been added to the property which he believes is the cause of the odor. Mr. Knapp gave the owner another charcoal filter for the new stack believing that this would alleviate the problem.

Correspondence from Fran which included a letter to Woodard & Curran regarding Wheaton sewer and the Draft Letter Report on Wastewater Collection & Treatment Cost Analysis – Phase I was given to the Board.

Fran informed the Board that the Town Managers from Mansfield and Foxboro will be setting up a meeting shortly with Mike Yunits.

Norton Glen: Attorney Bill Landry, Chris Duhamel (engineer) and Mike Hennessey (owner) came before the Board to discuss an amendment to the current December 2009 agreement regarding a sewer connection for Norton Glen. This amendment would include the reduction of the \$ 660,000.00 Permit Fee, an extension of the construction deadline from June 30, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and letting the Town collect the fees for the property tie-ins that may occur along East Main Street.

A discussion regarding the \$ 50,000.00 escrow account noted that there is a shortfall for past due engineering bills. Attorney Landry has requested "back up" for some of these bills before payment can be considered. Steve Pedersen of Weston & Sampson will provide this information.

The Board again recommended that a meeting between Norton Glen and Keith Silver be scheduled to discuss the construction and pavement repair of East Main Street during this project. Mr. Knapp stated that he would gladly attend if necessary.

After much discussion the Board agreed to Attorney Landry drafting an amendment to the December 2009 agreement with the following conditions:

- 1.) Reducing the Permit Fee to \$ 545,000.00 payable in three payments.
The first payment of \$ 181,500.00 due by July 10, 2012
The second payment of \$ 200,000.00 due prior to/by August 24, 2012
The third payment of \$ 163,500.00 due prior to any discharge into the sewer system or by December 31, 2012
- 2.) The Town collects the fees for the property tie-ins along East Main Street
- 3.) Across the street laterals be addressed as to location
- 4.) An escrow account be established for inspections by the Norton Sewer Department
- 5.) Police Detail needs and costs assumed by contractor
- 6.) Construction deadline extended to December 31, 2012

This draft amendment will be completed for discussion at the next Board meeting on June 7, 2012. "Back up" for past due bills will also be provided, discussed and hopefully be resolved. An agreement regarding bills going forward may also be discussed and resolved.

All appropriately processed bills were signed.

Next meeting Thursday, June 7, 2012. Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

