

Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766
Thursday, December 20, 2012

7:30pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Steve Wiseman and Diane McElligott present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Attorney Joseph Cove. Commissioner Grant absent.

Superintendent – Updates: Mr. Knapp informed the Board the paper work for the Walker Street (bridge) water main repair is moving along, the Conservation Commission approved it as an emergency.

Mr. Knapp presented his 2014 Water Capital Improvement Budget:

\$150,000. – Excavator

18,000 – Compressor / Generator

8,000 – Ditch Compactor

Commissioner McElligott stated she had concerns regarding the excavator and would like Commissioner Grant's input on that capital expense. Commissioner Wiseman stated it is just a place holder at this time, the Board can choose to pull it at any time, and it would still have to go before the Capital Improvement Committee and FinCom for final approval.

Commissioner McElligott agreed as long as it is just a place holder.

Mr. Knapp said the sewer crew estimates the pump upgrade at Red Mill will be approximately \$30,000.00. Commissioner McElligott mentioned money for the Riley Property acquisition and Wheaton College needs to be considered as well, she would put a call in to the Town Manager to discuss these issues further. These may have to be addressed at a Special Town Meeting.

Mrs. Melito stated any bond issues required for water or sewer projects that will effect FY-14 budgets, needs to be discussed with the Tax Collector/Treasurer and Town Accountant very soon.

IMA: Further information was discussed with regard to Wheaton tie-in costs. Two options; Buy into the original plant or pay for the expansion. The goal of the three towns is to ratify the agreement at their Spring Town Meetings.

Wheaton: Fran stated there has been no response to our (Weston & Sampson) last request for Wheaton's concerns so they can be addressed. He will reach out with a reminder to their engineers.

Superintendent's Job Description: A draft was reviewed and edited and approved to be sent to the Town Manager for his input. Initial interviews would be held in Executive Session, the short list (3 people) would be invited back for an open meeting interview.

Attorney Cove: Reported on his opinion as to whether or not the assigns of Kraska /Campanelli can sell their sewer flow to businesses or properties located in the Town of Mansfield. His answer is NO. Based on the original contract language which includes phrases “within Norton” and “are required to pay user charges”. There is no power to collect fees outside of Norton.

Article 97: Fran informed the Board that so far he hasn’t found any records of Town Meeting votes referencing Article 97 Land he did however find an Open Space & Recreation Plan from February 2011 and a Master plan dated 2005 neither of which indicate the well sites as Article 97 Land.

Fran informed the Board that the final CWMP Draft will be submitted at the next Board meeting for review. The next MEPA filing deadline is January 31, 2013.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting Tuesday January 8, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:30pm.