

**BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, January 8, 2013**

**6:30pm Meeting called to Order. Commissioners Steve Wiseman, Luke Grant and Diane McElligott present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz Steve Pederson and Attorney Joseph Cove.**

**Weston & Sampson –Updates:**

**CWMP** - Six copies of the draft were presented to the Board. A brief overview was given by Steve Pederson. Board Members were asked to review it by the next meeting. January 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for this quarter's MEPA process.

**Wheaton College** - Correspondence dated January 3<sup>rd</sup>, from Jon Himlan was discussed. Fran stated it is a 10 point "Concern List" most are reasonable and just require an explanation of the town's contingency plan. Fran stated he would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Himlan and Diane to discuss Wheaton's concerns further and then follow up in writing.

**Water Treatment Plant** - Article 97 research was completed by Weston & Sampson including discussions with Attorney Cove. Nothing was found in the Town Reports indicating language for Article 97 (acquisitions). Attorney Cove stated his findings showed the Order of Taking in 1971 (Wells #4, #5 and #6), the taking was specifically for a drinking water facility, in his opinion the Board is perfecting what the (use) taking was for with the treatment plant and would not trigger the misuse of Article 97 regulations. Attorney Cove informed the Board he has a call into the Senate Council for an opinion and recommended that State level and Regulatory level (DEP) opinions be obtained before going to Conservation.

Commissioner McElligott questioned whether or not Article 97 will apply to the Reilly property. Attorney Cove responded a portion (approx 5 acres) would.

**Funding** – Fran suggested adding money to the Capital Budgets. If the Town gets SRF funding design money has to be in place prior to June and design would have to be complete by October. Fran recommended \$200,000.00

**IMA:** Next meeting - Monday January 14, 2013.

**Superintendent – Updates:**

Mr. Knapp stated he met with Waste Management and Mansfield staff at the Mansfield Treatment Plant. Mansfield is requiring a sewer flow meter.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board he met with David Eastridge of Thorndike Development. They are proposing to tie into the RMV sewer pump station and asked if the Board would allow that if Thorndike paid the cost of upgrading the pump station. Commissioner Wiseman stated this Board will listen and give consideration to any proposal that comes before them.

Mr. Knapp informed the Board that he spoke with Jim McPhee the employee that is out on workman's comp. Mr. McPhee doesn't believe he will be able to return to work. Mr. Knapp stated he spoke with the Town Manager about temporary help until such time that Mr. McPhee is retired. Mr. Knapp stated he posted the "Temporary" position with the Union as is required for 15 days, he will then advertise to the public.

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Commissioner Grant recommended offering the temporary position to retired employee Mickey Melito (if he's available) who already has the knowledge, experience and licenses, there would be no need for training. Commissioner Grant asked that this be discussed further after the union posting expires. Commissioner McElligott stated she would also like discussions at that time to include the future needs of the department's personnel. Maybe instead of replacing a tech we should consider an Assistant Superintendent.

Commissioner McElligott asked if there had been any discussions with Mr. Rich regarding the Historical Society Land. Commissioner Grant stated it's a no-go.

Commissioner Wiseman read Mr. Knapp's letter of resignation for the record and thanked Mr. Knapp for his thirteen years of service.

Advertisement for the Superintendent's Position will be in next week's local newspaper, the Beacon, the MMA website, MWWA, NEWWA and PCWWA.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence read.

Next Meeting Thursday January 24, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 9:45pm.