

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

7:00pm. Meeting Called to Order. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Luke Grant and Chuck Moitoza present. Also present Duane Knapp, Rose Melito, Bernie Marshall and Fran Yanuskiewicz.

Commissioners Grant and McElligott welcomed Chuck Moitoza to the Board, and new Superintendent Bernie Marshall to the Department.

Reorganization: Luke Grant nominated Diane McElligott as Chairperson. Chuck Moitoza seconded the nomination. No further discussion.

All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Chuck Moitoza – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

Diane McElligott nominated Luke Grant as Clerk. Chuck Moitoza seconded the nomination. No further discussion.

All in favor:

Diane McElligott – aye

Chuck Moitoza – aye

Luke Grant – aye

So voted.

Chairwoman's Business: Commissioner McElligott suggested that Commissioner Moitoza take the lead with promoting better PR, not only with the various Boards and Committees but the public in general, possibly doing a periodic column with topics such as water quality, progress on water/ sewer projects etc. and keeping open communication with Conservation, Selectmen and Board of Health. Commissioner Moitoza suggested looking into the use of reverse 911 or the department's current SCADA system for certain public notifications.

The Board began a brief update on current issues to give Commissioner Moitoza and Superintendent Marshall an idea of what is going on including the IMA, the Campanelli Agreement, and Wheaton College.

Campanelli Disbursement Issue: The Board reviewed the letter being sent to the Town Manager asking for direction from Kopelman & Paige on how to proceed and resolve the current FY-13 sewer commitment for \$154,032.65, as well as making it clear that if the town was receiving the money the General Fund should be responsible for paying all of Kopelman & Paige's legal fees.

Cleaning Services: The Board suggested getting three quotes for FY-14

Weston & Sampson Updates: Fran informed the Board that Norton was approved for SRF funding for both water and sewer. The Board will need to send a letter refusing the funding because there are no Town funds in place.

IMA: Major Issue -Asset transition is still being discussed. Norton's flow increase is minimal and will remain at 16% in the expansion.

Fran along with Commissioners McElligott and Grant went the Mansfield Town Meeting. Prior to the meeting they met with Mansfield Selectmen and Town Manager to discuss their commitment and vote on the IMA. Senior Member George Dentino agreed that it should be addressed this evening and asked Norton representatives to draft the language for presentation to meeting voters. Town Vote-Approved.

Next IMA meeting May 20, 2013.

Thorndike Developers-274 East Main St: Lloyd Geisinger, David Eastridge and David Kelley further discussed water and sewer installation proposals. Mr. Kelley believes the four inch force main in Newland Street is sufficient. Storage is the solution, pumping at off peak hours so there is no impact on current or future users. The Board asked Fran his opinion. He stated it would have to be proven in the design, he also stated that design review costs will need to be discussed as there is no money in the sewer budget for those services.

Mr. Geisinger presented a cost break down to install 2700 feet of water main and an outline of anticipated water fees. Installation costs are \$933,505.00 anticipated water fees are \$424,100.00. Mr. Knapp stated that fees have been waived in the past in lieu of upgrades to the system but inspection fees, meters and material costs are not waived.

Mr. Geisinger requested that the Board waive the fees in lieu of the upgrade to the water system. Resident Maureen Sroczynski asked that the Board review the costs closely, the Inspector General is very specific about what is allowed and what isn't. A Red Mill Village resident expressed her concerns regarding the sewer tie-in and the possible odor problems regarding the "storage solution". The Board tabled the issue until more definitive plans are available.

Superintendent Updates: The flushing program should be complete by the first week of June. Oak Street service connections are progressing.

ZBA Meeting regarding 274 East Main Street on May 16, 2013.

Full time sewer employee applied for the water department opening.

Next meeting Wednesday May 29, 2013 at 6:30pm.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

10:25pm. Mr. Knapp and Commissioner Moitoza left the meeting.

10:30pm. Commissioner Grant made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing negotiations with Wheaton College not to return to Regular Session.

Commissioner McElligott second the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

Luke Grant – Aye, Diane McElligott – Aye So voted.

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10:30pm. Executive Session called to order. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Luke Grant, Bernie Marshall, Rose Melito and Fran Yanuskiewicz present.

The Board gave a brief overview of the ongoing negotiations with Wheaton College for Mr. Marshall.

Items being discussed:

Tie-in Fee \$660k/year for 20years

30 foot easement – 40 feet around the pump station

Deposit to hold flow

Historical Cost Data for costs going forward

11:20pm Commissioner Grant motioned to adjourn Executive Session. Commissioner McElligott seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.