

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
Tuesday June 25, 2013

6:30pm Meeting called to order. Commissioners Diane McElligott and Chuck Moitoza present. Also present Bernie Marshall, Rose Melito, Attorney Joe Cove and Fran Yanuskiewicz.

Superintendent Updates: The Health Agent Leon Dumont will be available for the July 9, 2013 meeting.

The meeting with the Town Manager, Town Accountant and Mark Abrahams has been confirmed for Thursday July 11th at 4:30pm.

No further info on the Cell Tower lease Agreement.

Al Slade of Slade services calibrated the sewer meters and they all calibrated within the acceptable 2% limit.

Sewer odor complaint from 20 Kingsley Road was addressed. A smoke test was performed some plumbing work was needed. The homeowner was advised to reinstall a carbon filter. Mr. Marshall stated going forward he and the office staff will log in all complaints, right now there is no specific complaint history log to refer back to but the staff does recall getting complaints from #3 Kingsley which also had a cracked pipe within the house as well as a sump pump issue. It was at that time the department purchased carbon filters to assist with odor problems in the area.

David Eastridge of Thorndike Development requested a copy of the Newland Street sewer as-builts. There are no copies of that plan in this office. Attorney Cove stated a full set was recorded with the RMV Pump Station taking and easements at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Thorndike can obtain a copy there. Commissioner McElligott recommended that Mr. Marshall contact Duane Knapp with questions regarding any plans in the next few days, he is on the payroll until the 30th.

7:00pm Commissioner Luke Grant joined the meeting.

Signs on the office building have been installed, the sign out at the gate will be installed soon, the sign application is all set with the Building Inspector.

Each water tank should be cleaned on a three year schedule, the Center Tank is scheduled for June 27th.

Employee status: Howard Harrop is back in the sewer department along with Henry Fillion. Chris DeMartino will become the new full time water/sewer tech in the water department. AFSCME verified no one else in the Union applied for the position so now it is just a housekeeping issue. The Official appointment will come from the Town Manager.

The ConCom is applying for grant money to buy 48+ acres of APR land on Pine & Crane Streets Behind Well#1 across from the recharge area. They are asking for a letter of support from this department. In addition to our support we should discuss the possible future need of a well site

should Well#1 be affected by the recharge area. Attorney Cove stated it should be allowable under the Clean Water & Clean Air Act. Commissioner Grant stated he would make himself available for a meeting with the Conservation Agent to discuss this in detail. Mr. Marshall stated it would be a win win situation for everyone, that area is within the Taunton River Basin which is not as stressed as the Canoe River Basin and may be a feasible water supply option.

Bob Junior -Island Brook – 40B Project: moving forward but still in the early stages. A proposed 80 unit (30 duplexes and 20 single family) development consisting of 260 bedrooms would require 28,600 g/p/d of sewer capacity.

Bills in question-Commissioner McElligott questioned a bill from Kopelman & Paige and one from Otter Creek Engineering. K&P was asked to review the terms Definition of Costs to make sure there was a consistency of terms with the Campanelli Settlement Agreement, Mansfield Agreement and Taunton Agreement. Otter Creek was given verbal approval from the previous Superintendent to begin engineering services. Mr. Marshall informed the Board that Mr. Yunits agreed any future use of K&P directed by him or the Selectmen would be discussed before authorizing services which would be paid by the water or sewer department. The Board agreed to approve the bills but hold the checks until the issues are resolved and/or the products of the services are in house (pdf files, maps, discs etc.). Attorney Cove strongly recommended not putting the new Superintendent in the middle of old/existing issues whether it be with engineers, Counsel / Campanelli Agreement or the Town Manager. It's very important going forward Mr. Marshall have the comfort of knowing there are no sides and he's not going to be in the position of being pulled in opposite directions. It is key that he be allowed to do his job and keep the lines of communication open.

Attorney Cove Update: As the IMA committee is nearing the completion of the agreement he would like to contact Attorneys Hoffman and Madaus to begin the review of non partisan points of the agreement including:

- 1.) Grammatical & Linguistic
- 2.) Dispute Resolution
- 3.) Identifying District Property vs. Town Property (and when it becomes District property)
- 4.) Mapping
- 5.) Staffing

The three counsels may need to further define some paragraphs of agreement using illustrative examples for clarification based on individual input from each town, such as;

- 1.) APN
- 2.) Calculation of I&I

Once non partisan issues are finalized counsel can then move on to partisan points of the agreement.

The latest draft is dated May 17, 2013.

Brian Douglas would like to present a MOA to his Board of Trustees. A draft MOA from Wheaton College was submitted for review. Attorney Cove stated the document should be generated by the Commission not Wheaton. The Sewer Department is not a vendor to Wheaton College but a government supplying a service. A permit agreement is needed much like the one with Norton Glenn, as a condition of the permit, permanent easements will be granted. These are just some of the issues that need to be addressed. The Board tabled the issue until a future meeting.

Commissioner McElligott asked if it was possible to charge sewer main abutters the flow fee immediately even though they have 5 years to tie in. Attorney Cove responded No you cannot charge for a service you are not yet providing.

Weston & Sampson: IMA Updates- The DEP acknowledged geo work was done but the word approved was never used by the DEP. The July meeting date has not been established at this time.

Wells 4,5 and 6 Article 97 Update- Memo dated June 25, 2013 (attached) Fran will draft the letter to the EOEEA and suggested that the Board and Town Manager sign it.

WTP- Surveying is still needed around Well #4, Notice of Intent is required by Conservation and flagging is needed. Fran stated he is waiting for direction from the Board, do they want to advertise an RFP or do they want to contract Weston & Sampson to do the preliminary design. After some discussion Commissioner Grant motioned that the Board approve Weston & Sampson to draft a Preliminary Design Contract. Commissioner Moitoza seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Chuck Moitoza – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 29, and June 11, 2013 Board Meetings were read, approved and signed as submitted.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 11:00pm.