

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766
December 2, 2014

6:30pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Luke Grant and Steve Bishop present. Also present Bernie Marshall, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Steve Pedersen. Commissioner Diane McElligott arrived at 6:55pm.

274 East Main Street: Steve Pedersen began the review of the proposed sewer options. Mr. Oren Sigel a concerned resident of Red Mill Village was in attendance. It was explained to him it would be in the Town's best interest to have a sewer easement from the Red Mill sewer pump station to the proposed sewer pump station located in the north west corner of 274 East Main St. This option would ultimately do away with the pump station in Red Mill Village. Mr. Sigel stated the residents of RMV biggest concern was having additional sewer flow going through the pipes on their property. The only way the RMV residents would agree to an easement is if the Board guaranteed that would not happen. The Board thanked Mr. Sigel for his input. After much more discussion Commissioner Grant motioned that the Board approve the MOA option; that a private pump station be located in the north west corner with an easement to the RMV property line as well as an easement to Route 123, a gravity stub to Route 123 for future hookups, a six inch force main to Kingsley Road and upgrades to the Nollywood Pump Station. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion. No further discussion.

All in favor:

Luke Grant – aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

Mr. Marshall was instructed to notify Thorndike of the decision.

Shawn Carroll: Robert Kaplan and Mike Valerie all of Keith Drive came before the Board to protest sewer tie-in letters they received. Town By-Law mandates if a sewer main goes by your property you have five years to tie-in from the time sewer (flow) becomes available. Letters went out to residents on Keith Dr., Keene Way, Newland Street and East Main Street stating sewer was available and they must tie-in by November 2019. Residents were concerned about costs; they felt they would be forced to sell their homes or lose them. Many said it was unfair to make them tie-in while they had perfectly working septic systems. Board members sympathized with the residents and said they were open to suggestions. The residents discussed getting a petition together to amend the By-Law. The Board welcomed them to come back with their ideas and stated an amendment that has the Board's support would be in the best interest of the Town.

9:45pm. a five minute recess was called.

9:50pm. Meeting reconvened

Chairwoman's Business: Attorney Joe Cove was named counsel for the MFN District.

Commissioner Grant asked the Board to consider implementing a \$200,000.00 fee to the sewer regs which would be charged to any private entity wanting the Town to take possession of a sewer lift station.

Superintendent Updates: Water Treatment Plant Project - A letter from the Mass Historical Commission dated 11/25/14 was discussed. It is MHC's staff opinion the preliminary archaeological data indicates the sites together meet Criteria A and D (36CFR 60) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The MHC requests that a written archaeological site avoidance and protection plan be developed and implemented for the Canoe River WTP Site and King Phillips Road Site west of the Canoe River. This could add upwards of \$60,000.00 to the budget. Commissioner Grant said he would to view these artifacts and talk to the PAL people directly. Fran stated Barbara Cook is pursuing the DEP to allow the Town to file even though we don't have the sign off from MHC.

Weston & Sampson Updates: A memo dated December 2, 2014 from Barbara Cook was given to each member it was an update on the design and permitting of the Water Treatment Plant and additional costs:

Original redesign effort	\$49,000.00
Additional PAL work, up to	\$60,000.00
Additional ConCom effort est .	\$15,000.00

The Board authorized Weston & Sampson to do the additional work required by ConCom up to an amount of \$15,000.00.

Fran discussed the work that Mark Abrahams has done so far and gave each Member a copy of the assumptions worked on to date for their review for the next meeting which Mark will be attending.

A contract for the system's Hydraulic Model in the amount of \$47,600.00 was presented to the Board. Commissioner Grant motioned to approve the contract in the amount of \$47,600.00. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion. No further discussion.

All in favor:

Luke Grant –aye

Steve Bishop – aye

Diane McElligott – aye

So voted.

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Minutes: The minutes of the Board Meetings held November 12, 2014 and November 19, 2014 were read, approved and signed as submitted.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next Meeting December 16, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 12:00am.