

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766

December 20, 2016

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6:30pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Diane McElligott, Steve Bishop and Luke Grant present. Also present Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Barbara Cook. Bernie Marshall – absent.

Norton School Department: Joseph Baeta, Wade Lizotte and Lincoln Lynch were present. Three issues to be discussed:

- Lead and Copper testing at the schools – above the MCLG. Acknowledged the water coming into the building is fine, fixture/plumbing issues are the cause. Contracted professional services from Universal Environmental Consultants. Following DEP recommended protocols, and an additional round of testing will be done this Saturday. Requested data sharing for Public Relation purposes including posting a link to the annual CCR - staying proactive with Public Relations is a top priority.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant; Notice from DEP dated 11/4/16 in Violation of 314 CMR 5.00 Groundwater Discharge Permit Regulations. Response to Non Compliance dated 11/17/16 and the letter regarding funding dated 12/14/16 were discussed. Fuss & O'Neill have given a quote to complete a Wastewater System Evaluation Report and Plan. Tracking chemical usage was discussed. Asked what would it take to reverse the flow in the existing 4" sewer main to send it to the town's Center Sewer Pump Station, the Board replied, it would require an engineering design which would most likely include a pump station as well as an increase in the size of the sewer main. The Sewer Department is not in a position financially to take on a project of this size at this time. The Housing Authority's sewer issues were brought up by Mr. Baeta. It was suggested that the School Department and Housing Authority collaborate on a possible solution for both. Mr. Yanuskiewicz stated he would include this information in the EIR for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.
- Annual Sprinkler Fees; The Board of Selectmen requested that the school department not pay the sprinkler fee. Superintendent Baeta said this fee was not planned for in the 2017 budget and requested it be waived and/or reduced going forward. Chairwoman McElligott explained the reasoning, need and methodology used for the fee. All parties being charged must be treated the same and therefore the schools cannot be an exception. The Board did agree not to charge interest on the overdue amount and to send an annual reminder for future budget planning.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 16, 2016 and November 29, 2016 Board Meetings were read, approved and signed as submitted.

Weston & Sampson Updates:

Water - PAL submitted their report dated December 16, 2016 regarding the findings of the soil stripping at the site of the proposed Water Treatment Facility. This report will be forwarded to who will have 21 days to review and issue Conditional Approval.

The GIS project appears to be going very slow, the Water Department has submitted very little data. Renting the equipment is costly. Winter months create weather issues, Barbara recommended that the project be put on hold until the spring and save the cost of the rental fees. The Board agreed but also asked for a quote from Weston & Sampson to complete the job.. Barbara agreed but stated Bernie should really look into getting a student from Bridgewater State as previously discussed.

Sewer - Minor punch list items need to be completed, settling at the invert was a concern of Bernie so that will be looked at, the flow meter location is being questioned so that too will be addressed.

Turtle Crossing - Still waiting for revised updated plans. Some costs are still being exaggerated and water / sewer fees are still being questioned. Chairwoman McElligott stated it has been more than a year since they last came before this Board, they never followed through and signed the MOA, and they have made substantial changes to the project. This Board is no longer negotiating fees on this project based on 2012 information. If they want this project to go forward they need to begin with a clean set of plans and start from scratch with an Order of Conditions and fees. When they are prepared they can request to be on the agenda.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting January 10, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 9:40pm

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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

Board Meeting Held: December 20, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Helito
Office Administrator

Diane McElligott
Diane McElligott, Chairwoman

10 Jan 2017
Date Approved

Steve Bishop
Steve Bishop, Clerk

1-10-17
Date Approved

Luke Grant
Luke Grant, Member

1/10/17
Date Approved