

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
166 John Scott Blvd., Norton MA 02766
October 10, 2017

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6:39pm. Meeting called to order. Commissioners Luke Grant, Steve Bishop and Thomas Weir present. Also present Bernie Marshall, Rose Melito, Fran Yanuskiewicz and Barbara Cook. Residents Jon Donovan, Jason Riviere and Greg Vincent.

Action Items: Free Water Options: Commissioner Weir – Contacted the Town of Onset. Their set up has very little use, constant vandalism and is currently offline. Not recommended.

Bernie – Vending machine option- will require a backflow device, continuous feed, manifold system and proper drainage. A meeting with DEP representative Courtland Ridings is scheduled to further discuss locations and requirements. Possible locations: Water Department and Town Hall. Pro's and Con's to both locations including permitting and limited access.

House Filters and Cartridges: Purchasing these items in bulk to sell to our residents raised many questions from the Town Accountant including Town Meeting vote approval, MGL-Ch-32B, a re-seller's license, sales tax reporting, state regulatory requirements and an array of required forms and reports to be completed on a monthly basis; if it is indeed an allowable Water Fund activity. However research on the product found the best price to be from All filters.com.

Rebate Program – Both Foxboro and Mansfield have these programs in place. Commissioners Bishop and Weir to report on these programs at the next meeting.

Colleen & John Ryder: 25 King Philip Road. Requested a sewer abatement on their current bill. The house was for sale and vacant. A broken water pipe was brought to their attention by their neighbor. They agreed they were responsible for the entire water bill but were seeking some relief on the sewer portion where as it didn't go into the sewer. After some discussion, Commissioner Bishop motioned to abate the sewer bill by \$491.80. Commissioner Weir seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor:

Steve Bishop – aye

Thomas Weir – aye

Luke Grant – aye

So voted.

Q: Residents questioned the Board about cast iron pipe's contribution to the current water quality, a timeline of its replacement and what effect if any the treatment facility will have if cast iron pipe remains in the system.

A: The Department's Master Plan will be complete within 6-12 months, this will list where cast iron pipe still exists and a priority listing of replacement order. Much of the cast iron pipe has been replaced, but it is a contributing factor to the quality.

The treatment facility will produce enough filtered water so that even areas with cast iron pipe will notice a difference. The Board stressed it will take some time, it won't happen overnight.

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Superintendent Updates: Wade Lizotte (school department) is questioning the sprinkler charges. The Board discussed the December 2016 meeting with Joe Baetta, Lincoln Lynch and Wade Lizotte,, it was explained and clarified then the sprinkler charges would not be waived.

Reimbursement request from Brian Lash - 26 Johnson Drive in the amount of \$ for bottled water and water filters – denied by the Board.

Sewer covers on Reservoir Street – complete.

SewerTech – Howard Harrop out for a few weeks due to surgery.

SewerTech – Daniel Novick out on Workman's Comp – crushed the fingers of his left hand.

Representatives of Condyne want to revisit looping the water main on Commerce Way – future agenda.

Weston & Sampson Updates: *Sewer:* Pay Request for C. Naughton - final paving in the amount of \$174,042. – approved.

Final amount including change orders to be negotiated with Wheaton – Holding 1% retainage.

Fran suggested a meeting with himself and or Steve Pedersen at least one commissioner, Bernie and a representative from Wheaton to finalize amounts due from each party.

Water: A scheduled conference call with PAL, MHC and Bernie to discuss a Memorandum of Agreement rather than a Deed Restriction. Steve McCurdy, DEP is supportive as long as it is acceptable to MHC. Stressing the importance of having this done before October 20th.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 23, and September 26, 2017 Board Meetings were read, approved and signed as submitted.

All appropriately processed bills were signed and correspondence was read.

Next meeting October 24, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 9:50pm.

BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

Board Meeting Held: October 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Melito
Office Administrator

Luke Grant
Luke Grant, Chairman

10/24/17
Date Approved

Steve Bishop
Steve Bishop, Clerk

10/24/17
Date Approved

Thomas Weir
Thomas Weir, Member

Date Approved