

Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
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Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

Attendance: Commissioner Luke Grant, Commissioner Scott Ollerhead
Weston & Sampson: Tara McManus & Steve Pederson

Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Pederson

West Main Street Updates

Waste Water

All deep excavations, the wet well and the manhole with the connecting pipe are in place at the pump station. No ledge has been found so far. The next step is to run sewer in the easement up to Rt. 123. Still awaiting authorization for further work. MassDOT was communicated with via email exchange to lay out the board's issues and concerns and to request a meeting to go over everything, including the testing that the contractor wants to do. MassDOT said there needs to be a permit revision. The permit has since been revised. A formal request for a meeting has been sent to MassDOT. MassDOT wishes to wait until the testing is done before having a meeting. The contractor wants the testing so he can plan his crews and make sure there will be no points where the work cannot continue. He is also in need of longer daytime work permission from MassDOT. The contractor does have a blasting application for blasting in the highway and is in the process of getting it filled out by the proper people. Everything on hold until that is advanced.

Water Capital

Wet Well Pay Application

..... from Weston & Sampson produces pay estimate number 6, that has been reviewed and recommended for payment in the amount of \$436,000. Signatures of the commissioners are requested. Commissioner Grant and Commissioner Ollerhead both sign the document and it is held over for the other board members (not in attendance) to sign at a later date.

Cobb Street Pump Station Evaluation:

Evaluation completed by Weston & Sampson. Photos, taken by water & sewer, of the wet well have been added to the evaluation. Overall evaluation with short and long term improvement suggestions is complete. Numbers for the short term repairs were given before July and are in the current year's budget. The next step is drawing up a contract for the short term repairs to be completed. The issues are safety and compliance issues. There is a suggestion to spread out the other work through the next 3 to 5 years because it is about \$1,000,000 worth of work and

does need to be done. For the current year - short term, \$220,000 is in the budget. Evaluation left for Superintendent Fournier.

SRF PayRec Reimbursement

Request being processed to acquire more finances, but is awaiting Superintendent Fournier's signature. The next SRF Reimbursement will be \$620,000 and used to pay the contractor and police and engineering costs.

Housing Authority SRF Reimbursement

The second payment was received. \$267,000 from the Housing Authority to be put toward the overall project debt. Document just awaiting Superintendent Fournier's signature.

Discussion is had between board members about the importance of being able to do day work because of the type of work that is now required to complete the project. They also discuss the traffic and possible solutions to any anticipated issues within school hours.

Tara McManus

Water Treatment Plant Update

Well 6 was taken offline and cleaned on 2/24. Next step is to upgrade the well station at 6. Once well 6 is going again, well 4 cleaning and upgrades can be done. Electrical work being done at well 5. Minor issues with certain types of equipment but the issues are being dealt with. Pumping is going well and the water quality is great. Looking to increase the flow once wells 4 and 6 are back online.

NOTE TO PUBLIC

Tara McManus makes a note to the public that the construction site is active and it is an "authorized personnel only" area. Signage has been relocated to be more clear and visible to the public in an attempt to keep the public out of the restricted area.

Methuen Construction Pay Estimate

This was tabled at the last meeting (2/11/20) by Commissioner Grant who wanted to see more progress toward completion of work before signing. Tara requests that the board members sign the pay estimate. Commissioner Grant agrees that the work order is complete and that he will sign off.

Unidirectional Flushing Program

Starting up in the spring to clean the pipes out and get the clean water from the treatment plant through the pipes. Semi-annual flushing for spring and fall is mentioned.

Additional work discussion

Two observation wells being installed at wells 5 & 6. Additional four hour pumping test will be completed in the next few days. Next step is putting the permit for construction to the DEP. Funding is in place for the full construction and replacement for wells 5 and 6.

Pine Street Water Main Improvement Project

Contracts are presented. Recommendation to award went to KJS. Their contracts of recommendation for this year have been completed. Execution (signatures of the commissioners) is requested by Tara McManus. Commissioners proceed to sign the contract. Pine street project expected to start this March to do off-road water main work. Work in the sensitive habitat area must be completed by April 15, 2020. It is noted that no storage of any materials or major equipment will be permitted in this area. Work planned to continue from well station one down to Plain Street after April 15, 2020 (weather permitting). There will be a pre-construction meeting before the work starts. Tara McManus requests that the meeting be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

Holmes Street

Final paving to be done in the spring.

Next meeting on March 10, 2020

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Ollerhead.

Commissioner Grant seconds the motion

All in favor: Commissioner Grant - aye

Commissioner Ollerhead - aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm



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

BOARD MEETING HELD: February 25, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Nye Brown

Luke Grant, Chairman

03/10/2020

Date Approved

Steve Bishop, Clerk

Date Approved

Scott Ollerhead, Member

3/10/20

Date Approved