

Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners  
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**Meeting called to order at 6:35pm**

**Attendance:** Commissioner Luke Grant, Commissioner Scott Ollerhead, Superintendent Frank Fournier

Weston & Sampson: Tara McManus & Steve Pederson

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Superintendent Updates**

Superintendent Fournier begins with thanking Commissioner Grant for his time at the plant and Fox 25 News. He also expresses that it didn't go as well as hoped. The conversation continues about the interview and how the end result was not as positive as hoped.

**Wells**

Well 6 is taking longer to clean, modify and remove the cleaning chemicals used due to the double screen. The quality sample that was sent to the lab tested well. This is confirmed by phone and now awaiting the hard copy to present to the DEP. A formal request to use that site in addition to well 5 going to the plant can then be sent. Hoping to get an inspection done within the next week or two. Tara McManus adds that they do have the paperwork for DEP so a call can be made to confirm receipt of email. With a quick turn around, pumping towards the plant can possibly start on 3/12/2020 or 3/13/2020 and balancing chemistry off of well 6 can be completed as well. Superintendent Fournier notes that they already have some chemical work-ups on paper to help figure out the adjustments that may need to happen before any visits.

**Well 4**

Once well 6 is going to the facility and connected with well 5, well 4 will be run for a few more days in order to run some of the chemical down in the facility so the need to transport the chemical is eliminated. Well 4 has the higher manganese level, so a staggering start and stop method is being used in an attempt to not use unless needed. The chemical level is at its lowest now. The distribution amount from the facility into the system will have to be increased when wells 5 and 6 go through the treatment plant. Disruptions and/or disturbances will occur and workers have been placed strategically in areas to handle issues as they arise. Flushing will occur as needed. The constant direction of flow and flow rate which may cause disturbances. Superintendent Fournier reminds the public to please call and leave a message so the problems can be handled quickly.

**Well 5 - Propane Tank**

The generator that is at well 5 requires the same supply propane storage as another site that has a smaller generator. Superintendent Fournier explains how the storage of propane is measured out. Originally, it was estimated that two 1000 gallon tanks in series would be needed

to supply the generator at well 5 without causing any regulator icing. The fire department has stated that any one parcel with more than 2000 gallons requires a special state permit. The requirements for that are explained.

Osterman Propane says they could possibly lower the amount to 1500 gallons and still work properly. It is noted that there is already a 500 gallon tank on site but will actually only hold 499 gallons, so that will put the site at 1999 gallons. There is a meeting planned for this week to discuss the location of the pads for the tanks. The superintendent explains that the original planned location for the tanks is not viable, and explains the obstacles. The new location will be much further away from the wetlands onto stable ground. Osterman will set the tanks and run the line after the pads have been set into place.

### **Treatment Plant**

Last week, notices were put on the usual Norton sites informing of a simulation and that there may be possible effects of operational tests of equipment at the plant. A few issues came up during the simulation that needed to be taken care of before switching to full automation with the new wells going into the plant. Superintendent Fournier explains the process required to complete the simulation. Flushing was needed in the Bay Road area due to the disruptions.

### **Horizon Beverage**

While flushing, notice was received that five days prior, Horizon Beverage had to empty their 200,000 gallon fire suppression storage tank due to another leak. It is noted that their last leak was in January 2020. Water & Sewer refilled the tank with no issues at an extremely low flow rate last time. This time, with concern for burdening the fire watch and fire department, the plant was turned up and man hours were adjusted at the plant. Water ran at around 110 gallons per minute and everything worked out with no complaints or calls.

### **Paul DiGiuseppe-Village Center Core**

Superintendent Fournier informs the board that Paul DiGiuseppe, Director of Planning and Economic Development of Norton, will be coming before them within the next few meetings to discuss zoning changes in the central location. He discusses the possible changes and gives a brief description of the topic.

### **Water Vending Machine**

There was an internal shut down due to poor or erratic power coming from the town hall. The problem with power was identified and the machine now has a dedicated electrical line to avoid this reoccurring.

### **Weston & Sampson**

#### **Tara McManus**

### **Treatment Plant**

Well 6 DEP forms with the test results have filled out and are going to be sent into DEP and request to pump the water from well 6 into the true plant. Bacteria testing came back clean. Commissioner Grant notes that there is particulate treatment and an additional layer of bacteria

treatment that happens at the plant. Weston & Sampson is looking to get permission, in the next several days, from DEP to put well 6 into the treatment plant. Chemistry balance is expected, but operators are prepared to seal with that. The aim is to have well 6 on by Thursday or Friday (3/12 or 3/13) of this week and then be able to take well four off.

#### **Well 4**

Contractor anticipates a week to a week and a half to complete their work on well 4. There are no chemical issues expected. There is not a replacement screen. The hope is that all of the wells will be pumping into the plant within the next few weeks. Meeting with Contra on 3/10/2020 was to discuss the changes for the project and the paperwork is expected to be presented to the board at the next meeting.

#### **Propane Tanks**

Meeting is set for Thursday (3/12) with the company to get approval on the site location. After getting approval, the contractor can start working on the equipment pads for the tanks. The board discusses the two types of pads. The water treatment plant pay estimate #20 for the contractor gets put in front of the board for signatures.

#### **Pine Street**

Legal counsel has sent the Pine Street contract back and it just needs to be signed by accounting. They will then be ready to issue after that. A meeting is in the works for Thursday (3/12), with the contractor and Jennifer, to discuss erosion control measures from conservation. Shop drawings have been received. The goal is to get all work done from well one to the street by April 15, 2020. The contractor has been made aware that there is no storing any materials or equipment in that area. Tara notes that she did pass along the information about the few possible storage locations, discussed at the last board meeting, to the contractors. The next step is a pre-construction meeting officially with the rest of the town departments hopefully for next week. The notice will go out to the other departments tomorrow (3/11/2020).

#### **Plain Street**

Once the contractors get the contracts, they are required to provide a schedule. They will be allowed access onto the pavement to start working the 8,000 feet project. Final pavement is not planned until next year. Four to five months is the estimated time for the project.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Ollerhead poses a motion to have Superintendent Fournier sign the Pine Street Notice to Proceed letter.

Commissioner Grant seconds the motion.

All in favor: Commissioner Grant: Aye

Commissioner Ollerhead: Aye

Commissioner Grant asks about the pipe sizing and length of pipe needed. The board discusses the piping and geo-probing. Location of the existing pipe and laying of the new pipe is also discussed.

## **Steve Pederson**

### **Pump Station Site**

Wet well installed and valve vault has been done as well as the manhole that is going to accept service from the Housing Authority and the sewer between them. Significant water was dealt with and the water service has been brought up to the property edge with the sewer and force main. Gas service is still needing to be done. They are awaiting their MassDOT permit. National Grid had to add a pole so they need a separate easement in order to support their lines about 15 feet back from the pole at the street. There is a hope that the Housing Authority will sign off on allowing National Grid to use the easement. It will be proposed at their meeting tonight (3/10).

### **Howard Street**

It is noted that work will need to be done with National Grid on the flow meter that is going to be on Howard Street to measure the Wheaton College flow. National Grid has sent an agreement to be signed by the superintendent. The agreement is just to confirm that the project will be completed. Superintendent Fournier signs the agreement.

### **West Main Street**

Still waiting on the contractor to submit a blasting application. MassDOT expects a permit to be submitted and drill testing to be done before they have a meeting about extending the road work hours. The contractor is hesitant to drill because he is not assured that he can work in a reasonable window. Commissioner Grant states that communication with the schools about possibly having one-way traffic when schools are let out could help to alleviate traffic disruptions.

### **Cobb Street**

The reports have been dropped off. The next step is getting a scope and cost to design the short- term improvements. It will be ready by the next meeting on 3/24/2020.

Commissioner Ollerhead proposes a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Grant accepts the motion and seconds.

All in favor: Commissioner Ollerhead- Aye

Commissioner Grant- Aye

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm**



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

BOARD MEETING HELD: March 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Nye Brown

Luke Grant, Chairman

4/15/2020

Date Approved

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Steve Bishop, Clerk

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Scott Ollerhead, Member

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