

Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766

July 27 2021

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Meeting called to order at 5:32pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Superintendent Frank Fournier, Assistant Superintendent John Harrop; Commissioner Chairman Steve Bishop, Commissioner Member James Jardin, Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen & Tara McManus (call in), Administrative Secretary Janice Roberge, Town Resident Peter Wiggins

Superintendent Updates: Water

There was much discussion about sprinkler tests and different service leaks around the town over the past few weeks, they are as follows:

- Wheaton College-Sprinkler tests have been completed and were successful. There were some isolated disturbances that we were able to take care of quickly. We appreciate the residents calling in with the discolored water issues they experienced.
- Woodward St had a large service leak at Grace Church, one of the residents called it in. It was on their private property and they are in the process of repairing it.
- Cherry Tree Drive was another area of town that had a service leak on the resident's property. Homeowner saw it and called us.
- North Highland Road – There was a leak under the house they just purchased. The new owners did call it in and we were able to turn it off for them.
- Wheaton College had a pipe failure on campus that required emergency response. Their workers were able to repair the issue. We responded to about 20 calls on discolored water related to this that were cleared up quickly.

- There was discussion about calls received in regards to the chlorine people have smelled or tasted in the water recently.

Sewer updates:

There was discussion on the following topics:

- Installation of a generator at our Knollwood Pumping Station, to replace the motor that is there now and the process to do this.
- An Elm Street building owner approached us about getting sewer to their location. There was discussion about the options of doing this and the process of getting a proposal to the Board for approval.

West Main Street Betterment:

- Daniel Rich, representing the Estate of Clarence P Rich and Jonathan O'Reilly from 79 West Main Street, multiple houses & 77 West Main St, two family home
- Disputing the number of sewer lines to the main lot and the back lot, they don't understand why it was assessed with 4 sewer lines.
- There was much discussion on how the two properties are assessed. They will need the Assessors Office to reassess the properties and make any updates in the system before they are able to submit an abatement request.
- There was an in-depth discussion on how the betterments get processed at the time the property is sold.

Weston & Sampson updates:

Tara McManus- Well 4 & 1

- Tara presented a document for the Board to review in regards to the Federal Funding and the work they are looking to do at wells 4 & 1. There was further discussion about the information in this document and the different options for these wells. The document is on file at the Norton Water & Sewer Department.
- Update on Well 6 - Step rate test is all set and ready to go.
- There was discussion about the update for Well 5.

Steve Pedersen Sewer Updates:

- Discussion on the change orders and closing out the West Main Street project with Mass DOT.
- Discussion on the Cobb Street Pump Station bidding.
- Discussion on the Knollwood Capital Improvements & scope to do all the stations.

Other topics:

- 21 Taunton Ave – discussion about reassessing this property for the sewer project. Abatement was filed and was voted on.
- Discussion on a new sewer truck & crane.
- Discussion on Mass DOT cleaning sewer drains.
- Discussion on summer help.
- Set next meeting 8/10/21 at 5:30pm

Bills & Correspondences:

All bills were reviewed, approved and signed

Motions

Motion 1: Approval of Abatement for 21 Taunton Ave betterment assessment adjustment

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve abatement for 21 Taunton Ave in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion to approve abatement

No further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 2: Meeting Adjournment

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to adjourn meeting

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion

No further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

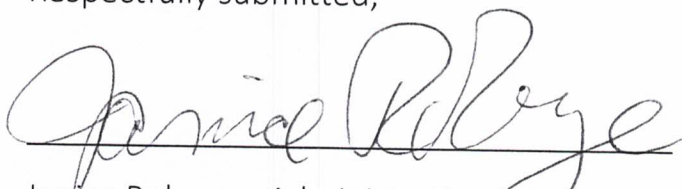
Next Meeting: August 10, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm

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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

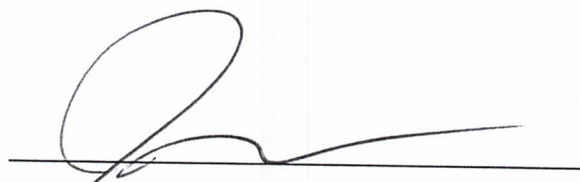
BOARD MEETING HELD: July 27, 2021

Respectfully submitted,


Janice Roberge, Administrative Secretary


Steve Bishop, Chairman

8/24/21
Date Approved


James Jardin, Clerk

8-24-21
Date Approved