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**Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners**

166 John Scott Blvd., Norton, MA 02766

August 16, 2021

**Meeting called to order at 5:31pm**

**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, Christine Jackson-Call in

**Weston & Sampson updates:**

**Tara McManus - Well replacement 5 & 6**

- Well 6 is good-step test is completed, waiting for nice weather to do the 48-hour test, wrap up and submit to DEP.
- Well 1 & 4 – Submitted contracts for both Wells for the Board to approve and sign. Well 1 contract is to set up a 2" test well, do water quality sampling and test to see if replacement is viable. Well #4 does need to be replaced and is a similar process as the replacement of Wells 5 & 6. There was a brief discussion about the contracts and getting State Funding to assist with the cost of the projects.

**Superintendent Updates:**

**Water updates:** There was much discussion about the following items:

- There was a leak on Burt St on the town service. One of the residents did call it in so we were able to take care of it that night. We were able to use the Norton Alert system to make the residents aware of the situation. There was further conversation.
- Well 1 – Discussion on the document Tara spoke about previously and voting on the contract.
- Well 4 – Discussion on the document Tara spoke about previously and voting on the contract.
  - There was more discussion on what the yields are for each well.
- East Main Street Mass DOT improvements.

- Notices have been sent out in regards to the shut down on the water main. This is currently on hold; other departments have not been coordinated with the shutdown. There was extensive discussion on the process and needs for this project.
- 195 Mansfield Ave – 40B Project that has been on hold for legal review of the agent letter & MOA. There was further discussion on this project and the process. The letter & MOA have come back from legal and are ready for review and a vote to authorize Superintendent Frank Fournier to sign the documents.
- 40B Subdivision – Island Brook project
  - There was much discussion about the contractor's concern in regards to the moratorium that will be on East Main Street and how they may proceed
  - The Board approved for them to attend a meeting

#### **West Main Street Betterment dispute**

- Christine Jackson – 99 West Main St
  - Shocked about \$16,000 Betterment
  - Was not aware of hook up mandate
  - Thought taxes would pay for improvements
  - This will cause a hardship for her and her husband
  - Unfair, not aware and didn't ask for this
    - Commissioner Bishop requested to have more time to review argument and will get back to her within the next couple of weeks
    - There was further discussion about how the project was handled and how to proceed with Mrs. Jackson dispute

#### **Sewer updates:** There was discussion on the following topics:

- King Philip Road – Replaced 20-foot section of pipe
  - Rectified issue in slant and supported it with rocks and stones.
  - Will pave once able to coordinate with the Highway Department
- Cobb Street – discussion on the bid opening and the bids received
  - Received 6 bidders – the documents are still with Weston & Sampson to verify for review and verification
  - This is phase one of a multi-phase project

#### **West Main Street Betterment:**

- Rocchio – discussed final pay request for the Board to review, vote and sign.



- There is a balancing change order #7 in the amount of \$243,856.86
- Final pay request for Rocchio #17 in the amount of \$165,187.63.

**Other topics:**

- Discussed PFAS tests
- Discussed setting a date for an Open House at the new Water Treatment Plant in September
- Discussed moving forward with the Home Filter Rebate Program
- Set next meeting 8/27/21 at 5:30pm

**Bills & Correspondences:**

All bills were reviewed, approved and signed

**Motions**

**Motion 1: Vote to approve the Weston & Sampson contract to assess the viability of replacing Well #1 in the amount of \$35,000.**

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve \$35,000 contract for Well 1

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion

No further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion 2: Vote to approve the Weston & Sampson contract to replace Well #4 in the amount of \$60,000.**

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve \$60,000 contract for Well 4

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion to approve

No further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion 3: Vote to authorize Superintendent Frank Fournier to sign the Agent letter for the 195 Mansfield Ave development**

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve the agent letter for the 195 Mansfield Ave development and to be signed by Superintendent Fournier

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion

No further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion 4: Vote to authorize Superintendent Frank Fournier to sign the MOA for the 195 Mansfield Ave development**

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve the MOA for the 195 Mansfield Ave development and to be signed by Superintendent Fournier

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion

No further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion 5: Vote to approve Rocchio balancing change order #7 in the amount of \$243,856.86 for the West Main Street Sewer Project**

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve change order #7 in the amount of \$243,856.86 for the West Main Street Sewer Project

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion

There was further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion 6: Vote to approve and sign Rocchio final pay requisition in the amount of \$165,187.63 for the West Main Street Sewer Project**

Commissioner James Jardin makes motion to approve final payment of \$165,187.63 for the West Main Street Sewer Project

Commissioner Steve Bishop seconded the motion

No further discussion

All in Favor: Commissioner Bishop – Aye

Commissioner Jardin – Aye

Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion 7: 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 24, 2021 @ 5:30pm**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm**

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

BOARD MEETING HELD: Monday August 16, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Roberge

Janice Roberge, Administrative Secretary

Steve Bishop

Steve Bishop, Chairman

9/7/21

Date Approved

James Jardin

James Jardin, Clerk

9-7-21

Date Approved