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Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
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**Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2021**

I. Call to Order by Chair

The December 28, 2021 meeting of the Norton Water/Sewer Commissioners was called to order at 5:33pm, by Commissioner Steven Bishop, Chair. Member(s) present: Commissioner James Jardin. Also in attendance: Superintendent Frank Fournier, Assistant Superintendent John Harrop, Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen, Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus, Turtle Crossing's Representatives Sean Berry and two Colleagues, Blue Star Phase 2 Representative Brandon Carr, and Office Administrator Brooke Durden.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

1. Minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting were approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve the minutes of the December 14th meeting of the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bishop. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Superintendent Updates

1. Fire Suppression Testing: Technicians are continuing to work with fire suppression companies while they perform required Sprinkler Flow Tests. We have scheduled tests for the first week of the new year which include 292 East Main Street at Kelly's Place and 308 East Main Street at Bernie and Phyl's.
2. PFAS: Based on our system size, Mass DEP required us to start sampling for PFAS back in April at all of our wells. All but one of our locations have very low detect amounts of PFAS and even some that were non-detect. However, Well 3 tested above the 10ppt (parts per trillion); therefore, we have been testing monthly at this location instead of testing quarterly. Since Well 3 has had a slow steady increase in the PFAS level, we have taken it offline as recommended by Mass DEP. We are currently working with Mass DEP and our engineers to determine

how we can install a temporary well pump to help with the need of water while Well 3 is offline.

3. Well Updates: Last week we placed the construction bid for the Well 5 & 6 Replacement Project on the CommBuys website, as well as in the newspaper. We are also looking at options for a temporary pump because we anticipate delays with construction. If we are unable to get a temporary pump and cannot meet our demand, Well 3 will have to go back online. In the event Well 3 goes back online and exceeds the 20ppt, the required public notifications will go out.
4. TTHM Notice: Testing results from November show that our system exceeded the standard or MCL (maximum contaminant level) for TTHM which is 80 ppb (parts per billion). To figure out the TTHM level, we average all of the samples that are collected at each location for the most recent four calendar quarters. The amount of TTHM averaged at 82 ppb. A public notice will go out to residents to notify them; however, it is to be noted that this is not an emergency. There are multiple factors that can cause changes in our water quality and levels, including the PH of the water. As a short term solution, water and weather depending, we will increase the flushing in the dead end mains to try and improve the quality of the water. For a long term solution, we will be working with Mass DEP, as well as our engineers, to get our PH level lowered which will allow us to use less disinfection product.

IV. Turtle Crossing – Sean Berry

1. Commissioner Steve Bishop invited Turtle Crossing's Sean Berry from Level Designs up, along with two colleagues, to give a presentation. Sean Berry displayed a map showing plans that were previously approved in 2017 by the Board. He mentioned that they are in front of the Board tonight to discuss improvements that have been made since then and to see if other improvements are needed. Superintendent Frank Fournier made comment that there have been changes to the Sewer; however, the Water is pretty straight forward and the Board will still require the improvements that have been previously proposed. A brand new Water Main will be installed at the intersection of Route 123 and Newland Street; therefore, it would make sense for Turtle Crossing to tie into that project. As far as the Sewer, we would have to get our Engineers involved due to additions made to the Knollwood Pump Station. Superintendent Frank Fournier assumed that the Board would not be able to make a decision on this tonight due to the plans being inaccurate based on the changes that have to be done. The Board agreed a decision could not be made tonight and will wait until a Peer Review is done, as suggested by Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen. It was agreed that a Peer Review will be done between the Contractors and the Engineers. Once the Board receives the information from the Peer Review, they will meet again.

V. Blue Star Phase 2 DiPrete Engineering – Brandon Carr

1. Commissioner Steve Bishop invited Brandon Carr from DiPrete Engineering up to give his presentation regarding Blue Star Phase 2. Brandon Carr displayed a map of a proposed Phase 2 that was approved by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission within the past month. The proposal is to drop a road off of Leonard Street and make a cul-de-sac, bringing a 10 inch main up along the road leading through and connecting to a 8 inch main on Janet Street. Assistant Superintendent John Harrop asked about the Sewer connection, Brandon Carr responded that there are two small sewer pump stations that will be tied in gravity-wise. Superintendent Frank Fournier stated that a Wastewater Coordinator from MFN will probably be in touch with Brandon to check who will be occupying these buildings and what type of work they will be doing.

VI. Weston & Sampson – Water/Sewer Project Updates – Steve Pedersen & Tara McManus

Sewer – Steve Pedersen

1. Cobb Street: Estimated delivery for the generators is out at least 12 months.
2. Contracts: Superintendent Frank Fournier stated that they would have to grant an extension to the contract for the two generators. Steve Pedersen mentioned that the generators still haven't been ordered yet due to them not getting the contract back. Assistant Superintendent John Harrop will be having a meeting with Town Manager the following day and will follow up again.

Water – Tara McManus:

3. Working with Mass DEP regarding TTHM's and setting up a temporary pump.
4. Bid went out in December and will be awarded January 18th for Replacement Wells 5&6.
5. Well 3 is offline as a precaution due to concern of PFAS levels rising, although at this point there has been no exceedance.
6. There are potential concerns regarding delivery and expenses with an emergency pump set-up or any project.
7. Discussion with Mass DEP on lowering the PH level.
8. Meeting with Town Manager the following day to discuss ARPA Funding and the Infrastructure Bill to see where the funds can be used.

VII. Bills & Correspondence

1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

VIII. Next Meetings: January 11th and January 25th.

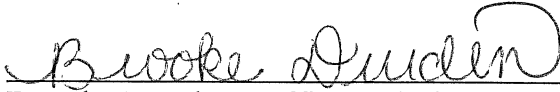
IX. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bishop. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

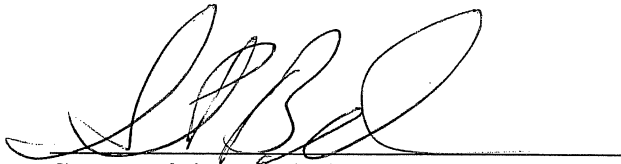
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE

BOARD MEETING HELD: December 28, 2021

Respectfully submitted,



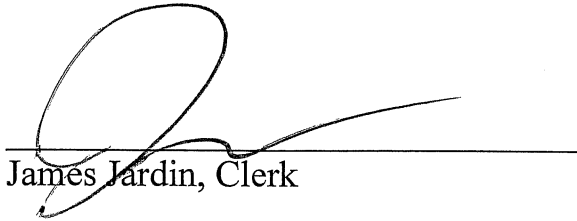
Brooke Durden, Office Administrator



Steve Bishop, Chairman

1-11-22

Date Approved



James Jardin, Clerk

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