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**Town of Norton
Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners
166 John Scott Blvd.
Norton, MA 02766
(508) 285-0280**

**Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2022**

I. Call to Order

The December 28, 2022 meeting of the Norton Water/Sewer Commissioners was held at 166 John Scott Blvd and was called to order at 5:33 pm, by Commissioner Steve Bishop, Chair. Member(s) present: Commissioner James Jardin and Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Also in attendance: Assistant Superintendent John Harrop, Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus & Steve Pedersen, and Balfour Farm's Representative Bob Forbes from Zenith Consulting Engineers.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

1. No Meeting Minutes were reviewed or approved.

III. Assistant Superintendent Updates

1. Capital Budget Update: There was a last-minute change to our proposed Capital Budget after discussing with Weston & Sampson about some samples that were taken in the system for TTHM's. This change includes adding an aeration system at our 2-million-gallon ground storage tank on Cottage Street. Once installed, the aeration system will help remove some compounds that make up TTHM's, we are specifically targeting chloroforms which seems to be the main contributing factor.
2. TTHM Notice: The last round of TTHM samples were all below the 80ppb. Although we did not exceed the quarterly exceedance, we did exceed the long-running annual average due to our last quarter being so high. Therefore, a public notification does have to go out. DEP did let us explain in the notice that the samples taken in the last quarter did not exceed and that this is not an emergency.
3. Manganese Notice: The manganese notice will be sent out in the beginning of January due to Well 1. Commissioner Steven Bernstein asked why these notices have to be sent out for raw water samples. Assistant Superintendent John Harrop responded that even though the sample is being taken at the well, it is still entering the system. Commissioner James Jardin agreed with Commissioner Bernstein that

this notice is misleading and scares the residents into thinking their drinking water is bad.

4. Lead & Copper Samples: We are still waiting on four samples from the lab. Assistant Superintendent Harrop mentioned he is only aware of one exceedance which he is pleased with.
5. Reilly Property: At first, this appeared to be a great location to build a new well, but we found that there are significant limitations based on the proximity to the MFN's groundwater aquifer recharge. This along with our withdrawal permit restriction of 200 gallons per minute now makes this property less appealing to us. We were notified by the previous Conservation Agent that this land would be coming available and that the Town would have the First Refusal. As we don't have much interest in this property, we feel like we could give the appraisal to the current Conservation Agent and see if they want it.
6. Well 6A: Mass DEP was onsite today for an inspection of the new Well 6A. There are still some things that need to be put in place before Mass DEP can approve the new well for use. Once we receive approval, we feel it would be best to put it through its paces and run it for a few days before taking Well 5A offline for the replacement process. Assistant Superintendent Harrop mentioned from what he has heard everything looks good and Mass DEP is impressed with what they have seen so far.

IV. Turtle Crossing Discussion

1. Representatives from Turtle Crossing were not present at the meeting; therefore, discussion was tabled.

V. Balfour Farm (Pine St) – Proposed Plan Discussion

1. Commissioner Steve Bishop invited Bob Forbes from Zenith Consulting Engineers to begin discussion on the proposed plan for Balfour Farm. This will be a 44-lot subdivision on Pine Street that will have two 8-inch connections off of Pine Street, along with another connection off of Briggs Street. This project is still waiting on approval from the Planning Board, as well as the Conservation Commission. Once approved by those departments, Mr. Forbes will come back before the Water & Sewer Commissioners with the final set of plans.

VI. Weston & Sampson – Water/Sewer Project Updates

Steve Pederson – Sewer

1. Holly Road/Knollwood: Weston & Sampson has received the signed contracts and recommends the approval and signature from the Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve and sign the Contract with the Arden Group for the Knollwood and Holly Road Pump Station Improvement Projects and issue Notice to Proceed. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye;

Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Elm Street Sewer Design: Since last meeting, Weston & Sampson's Steve Pedersen sent over contract for the Elm Street Design and is still working on getting that executed with the Town.
3. Cobb Street: No updates to report on since last meeting.
4. Norton Public Schools: Another meeting was held with the schools and they seem very interested in moving forward with getting the Middle School and the JCS connected to sewer. Under Weston & Sampson's current contract with the Norton Public Schools, they will work on some budget numbers to help the schools decide how they would like to proceed.

Tara McManus - Water

5. Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus stated they have sampled all of the sites for TTHM, as well as HAA5, and they have the data they need to complete their study. In order to reduce the levels, Weston & Sampson has suggested moving the water in different directions by closing some valves and trying to do some light flushing. Once Wells 5 & 6 are up and running, there will be a much better flow in the system.
6. Wells 5 & 6 Replacement Project: As Assistant Superintendent John Harrop previously stated, DEP was onsite today and all went well. Last week we did a startup testing of all the SCADA Alarms. The Water Quality Samples were received today; however, they were not in time for DEP inspection. Some of the electrical work has been done at Well 5A and they have installed the vault. Pay Estimate #7 was presented to the Board for approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to approve Pay Estimate #7 for the Wells 5 & 6 Replacement Project in the amount of \$109,715.50. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

7. South Worcester & East Hodges Street Area Water Main Project: A Preliminary Design is being laid out, once that is ready it will be presented to the Board.

VII. Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance

1. Commissioner Steven Bernstein mentioned some topics he would like to discuss.
 - a. He mentioned that there is still equipment left at the intersection from the White Street Area Water Main Improvement Project and asked Weston & Sampson's Tara McManus to get in touch with Gravity Construction to remove it.
 - b. Regarding Balfour Farms, Commissioner Bernstein asked if it is advantageous for us to take over the water main. Assistant Superintendent John Harrop responded that he thinks it would depend on if it becomes a town accepted road or not. Commissioner Bernstein then asked if we don't

take over the water main and they put in hydrants, would we still flush the hydrants. Assistant Superintendent stated that we will flush hydrants on private property.

- c. Commissioner Bernstein would like to further discuss the appraisal that was performed for the Reilly Property and what options the Town has.
- d. Commissioner Bernstein mentioned an email that he received from a resident at Red Mill Village. The resident asked some questions regarding the water and would like to know why the water does not have fluoride in it. Commissioner Bernstein feels like this is a topic that should be further discussed with the Board of Health.
- e. Lastly, Commissioner Bernstein would love to set up a time with the other two Commissioners and have a tour of the facilities.

VIII. Bills & Correspondence

- 1. All bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

IX. Next Meeting: January 10th & January 24th

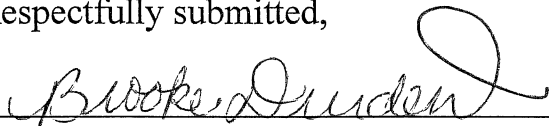
X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner James Jardin to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners at 7:10pm. Seconded by Commissioner Steven Bernstein. Vote: Commissioner Jardin – Aye; Commissioner Bernstein – Aye; Commissioner Bishop – Aye. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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

BOARD MEETING HELD: December 28, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



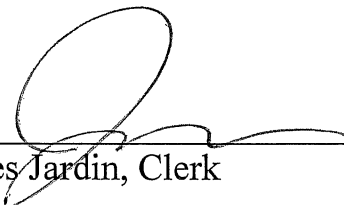
Brooke Durden, Office Administrator



Steve Bishop, Chairman

1-10-23

Date Approved



James Jardin, Clerk

Date Approved



Steven Bernstein, Commissioner

Date Approved