

June 9, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, June 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.,

Present: Ken Fettig, Roger Turner, Patrick Fasanello, John Spillane and Kevin Muti. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water and Scott Gustafson, Asst. Supt. of Sewer and Water.

### **REORGANIZATION**

Kevin Muti nominates John Spillane to serve as Chairman of the Board. Patrick Fasanello seconds this nomination. There are no other nominations for this position. Vote on John Spillane as Chairman 5-0-0. John Spillane nominates Kevin Muti to serve as Clerk of the Board. Ken Fettig seconds this nomination. There are no other nominations for this position. Vote on Kevin Muti as Clerk 5-0-0.

### **BIRD ESTATES/TOWN COUNSEL – PERMIT CONDITION RELEASE**

Mr. Fasanello says he is not sure he understands what Counsel is saying. Mr. Mattson says the way he reads the opinion is that this Board can remove their restricting irrigation systems from connecting to the Town's water supply in this subdivision, however it is still a restriction in their deed, which Toll Brothers would have to release. Mr. Fasanello says this Board does not care what is in their deed. He feels we should not lift the restriction; we just need to grant a waiver to the restriction when requested. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to continue granting waivers on a case-by-case basis as we have been. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

PA #6 (166 South St.) is taken out of order, as the owners of the property are present

### **SEWER OPTIONS PROPOSED FOR 166 SOUTH ST.**

Mr. Mattson explains that there were two options for a sewer connection of this property presented by their engineer. Option 1 would cost approximately \$65,000 and include the extension of the 8" sewer for about 190 feet and a 6" connection to 166 South St., and would include a stub for house numbers 155 and 158. Option 2 would cost about \$30,000 using an Environment One pump and a 1" force main solely for 166 South St. with a second 1" force main being left in the trench for #158. This force main would be constructed off of the paved area of South St. to reduce the cost. Mr. Mattson feels either option would work, however there is a major difference in cost and this would be a policy decision. Mr. Fasanello says there can be problems with these pumps. Mr. Turner adds problems occur when there are power failures. Mr. Mattson reminds that we are speaking about a pump not a tank; it is one unit that is typically outside. Mr. Spillane asks if others who have used these have had good luck and Mr. Mattson responds that he has not heard of any problems. Mr. Muti would like to confirm that the major price difference is due to the use of the unpaved area off of the roadway and Mr. Mattson says yes and says the homeowner is in dire need of this sewer. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to allow Option 2 to help in reducing the cost of the project for the homeowners. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

### **7 DELAPA CIR. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION**

Mr. Mattson explains that this water was used and the homeowner is not willing to accept the explanation of the office and therefore he was advised to write to the Commission. Apparently when the new meter system was installed we found there was water used on old meter that was unbilled. In his opinion, if the Board wishes to remain consistent in their policy, the only relief they can offer is to

prorate as we have done with others, thus offering the lower rate for some of the water use. Mr. Mattson says although this can be done, most of this water was recent usage and therefore the abatement amount will probably be minimal. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to ask the Water Department Office to review the account and use the same method of proration used in other similar situations and to notify Mr. Gaba of 7 Delapa Cir. of this vote and when completed of his new amount owed.

### **156 BAKER ST.- CONDUCT STANDARD – RETRACTION REQUEST**

Mr. Fettig says he will recuse himself from any further discussion on this matter. Mr. Fasanello says he does not feel the Board should be so quick to retract their statement. He goes over the information and says that on February 12, the Commission voted to send a letter expressing concerns that were based on information they believed to be factual. Tonight they are reviewing additional information and he is of the opinion that even with the new information, he is still not in favor of supporting the rezoning of this parcel. There is some discussion. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to send a letter to the same Boards as the past correspondence and to Mr. Thurston stating that after review of the additional information, this Board would like to reaffirm it's previous correspondence of February 12, 2008, in which we voted not to support the rezoning of the parcel known as 156 Baker Street. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-1, Mr. Fettig recused.

### **H&V FUEL TANK LICENSING**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is a formality, as the fuel tanks have been in existence for many years however it fell through the cracks and although a permit had been issued, the license never was. In order to make this legitimate, a public hearing must be held and we must comment on the issue to hold the hearing. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that this Board has no objection to the granting of a license for the above subject. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

### **WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL BIDS**

Mr. Mattson informs that the Board of Selectmen has already awarded this bid. There is some discussion on how the system was converted from chlorine to chloramines and Mr. Mattson explains this. Also there is discussion on how much the cost of the various chemicals has gone up over the past year. He reports that the chemical budget for FY09 is \$166,000 short. Since this was already awarded, there is no need for the Board to take a vote on this, they just concurred with the recommendation of their Superintendent. Mr. Fasanello asks if all new irrigation systems with an elevation more than 150' are required to have an RPZ and Mr. Mattson responds that all irrigation systems are required to have one.

### **7:30 PUBLIC RATE HEARING**

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to open the public rate hearing with all members present. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

The water rate as proposed by administration is discussed, which would be a 7.88% increase. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to increase the water rate to \$44.07 per thousand cubic feet as proposed by administration, which would be a 7.88% increase. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0.

The sewer rate is then discussed at a 2.97% increase as proposed by administration. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to increase the sewer rate 2.97% at \$67.16 per thousand cubic feet. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

Mr. Fasanello says he would like to create a policy that would require a special permit from this Board for all non-residential wells. Mr. Mattson says the Board cannot regulate water in the ground. Mr. Fasanello disagrees. Mr. Mattson says when they apply for their permit, they would have to apply through the same Water Management Act that the Town does and at that time the Town would be able to take advantage of the comment period.

The fee schedule is discussed and all items to be changed are held and re-discussed.

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to increase the assessed sewer entrance fee to \$175.00. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 2-3-0, Fetting, Turner and Spillane against. There is no change.

Non-assessable sewer entrance fee is discussed and Mr. Mattson explains the worksheet, which makes this fee justifiable. The proposed change is from \$2295 to \$2700.

Out of Town Sewer Cost Rate is discussed and as previously voted it should be 10% more than in town sewer cost and they agree to round it. The change is to go from \$71.83 to \$75.00 per 1000 cubic feet.

Out of Town Water Cost Rate is also discussed and as previously voted 10% more than in town and also rounded which will go from \$50.00 to \$55.00 per 1000 cubic feet.

All Final Readings with 24-hour or more notice will be charged \$75.00 instead of \$50.00

Service calls during non-working hours will go from \$100.00 to \$125.00

Flushing of private hydrants upon request will go from \$100.00 per hour to \$125.00 per hour.

Hydrant Meter Use charge will change from \$75.00 to \$150.00 plus the cost of the water.

Water Service Line Charge will go down from \$3812.00 to \$3700 as the minimum charge.

All other charges in the fee schedule will remain the same.

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to make changes to the fee schedule as discussed, to take effect July 1, 2008, with all other charges to remain the same. Second by Ken Fetting. Vote 5-0-0.

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to close the public rate hearing. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0.

Mr. Fetting left the meeting at this time.

### **IRRIGATION SYSTEM REQUESTS**

The five irrigation system requests on the agenda are discussed. One of the requests has one of our new meters shows an excessive amount of usage on a date that is not abiding with our Water Management Policy and suggests that the person may not be following it. Mr. Fasanello does not want to approve this address until he explains the large water usage. There is further discussion and some of the members feel it wrong to say they are not abiding by the policy. Mr. Fasanello says we are accusing, he would just

like them to explain the large usage before approving an irrigation system. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to approve all requests for irrigation systems on the agenda tonight except for 100 Endean Dr. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 2-2-0, Spillane and Turner against. There is no vote. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to accept all requests for irrigation systems on the agenda tonight. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 2-2-0, Muti and Fasanello against. Mr. Muti suggests reviewing all requests on an individual basis. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to accept the request for an irrigation system for 36 Olympic Court. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-1-0, Spillane against. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to accept the request for an irrigation system for 40 Endean Dr. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-1-0, Spillane against. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to accept the request for an irrigation system for 65 Endean Dr. . Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-1-0, Spillane against. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to accept the request for an irrigation system for 61 Endean Dr. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-1-0, Spillane against. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to deny the request for an irrigation system for 100 Endean Dr. until the applicant comes before the Board to explain the high water usage indicated on their meter on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is a day they should not be watering outside. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-1-0, Spillane against.

#### **WESTON AND SAMPSON PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUED REVIEW – BIRD MACHINE**

Mr. Fasanello says he has been very happy with the work that Kelley Race of Weston and Sampson has done on behalf of the Board thus far. Mr. Muti asks that all future information be forwarded to the Conservation Commission, as they were very surprised to learn that we had hired a consultant. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to approve the proposed additional \$9,800 by Weston and Sampson for additional review and comment on behalf of the Board for the Bird Machine site. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 4-0-0.

#### **WALPOLE MALL SERVICE CHARGES**

Mr. Mattson explains these charges are for particular buildings that they know are being built. Mr. Muti asks if they have paid yet and Mr. Mattson says no but he will follow up on it.

#### **NSTAR YEARLY OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Mr. Mattson says this is the information we get every year and these people do a lot of mechanical removal in our aquifer areas, rather than chemical removal.

#### **PHASE V CSA – 980 BOSTON PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY**

Mr. Mattson says there were leaking tanks and an MCP was required however it is outside the aquifer.

#### **RELEASE NOTIFICATION – 2 NORTON AVE.**

Mr. Mattson informs that this location had leaky fuel tanks and this is the required release notification for such.

#### **RAM 2222 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY**

Mr. Mattson explains that there was a spill by a Safety Clean truck and they are not taking responsibility for the spill so Cook Bros. is stuck with the notification procedure since it is their property.

**WESTON SOLUTIONS/BIRD MACHINE REPORTS**

Mr. Fasanello tells of his experience during a walk of the site with the Conservation Commission. He says he would like to see the Neponset River restored to its original course. Mr. Turner adds some history to this experience. It is decided that our consultant should be the one to look into this idea.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE**

After discussion it is decided that the Board will only meet on June 23<sup>rd</sup> if there is enough information to warrant such. There will also be a meeting on July 14 and August 25. The other meetings scheduled for July and August will be cancelled.

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.