



*Town of Walpole
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners*

*John Hasenjaeger, Chair
Pradeep Mishra, Clerk
William Abbott, Member
Patrick Fasanello, Member
Jeffrey Fisher, Member*

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

6:30 P.M.

E.J. Delaney Treatment Plant

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the E.J. Delaney Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street. The meeting is called to order by Board Chair, John Hasenjaeger at 6:30 p.m.

Present at the Meeting

Sewer and Water Commissioners:

John Hasenjaeger, Patrick Fasanello, William Abbott, Pradeep Mishra and Jeffrey Fisher

Other Participants:

Rick Mattson, Director of Public Works, Scott Gustafson, Sewer and Water Superintendent, Stephen Nunnery, Asst. Sewer and Water Superintendent, Leah Stanton, Weston and Sampson, David Wluka, Wluka Real Estate, Nadine Bailey, Counsel, On phone – George Lang, Developer

Minutes: January 9, 2023, February 13, 2023

Motion made by Mr. Abbott and ***Seconded*** by Mr. Fasanello to approve the minutes with said changes of January 9, 2023.

Vote 5-0-0

Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Pradeep Mishra-Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes

Motion made by Mr. Abbott and ***Seconded*** by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes with said changes of February 13, 2023.

Vote 5-0-0

Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Pradeep Mishra-Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes

Superintendents Status Report:

Mr. Gustafson noted that there have been no service or main leaks since the last meeting. Mr. Gustafson provided an update on the South Street project that it is going well. Mr. Gustafson continued with an update that water samples were collected yesterday on the second half of the street and the department is waiting for the results to come back. Once those come back with no issues, they will start transferring service over that line all up to Oak Street. Mr. Gustafson reported on the flushing program that it will continue as system conditions allow on dead end streets. Mr. Fasanello requested that the Superintendents Status Reports be included in the package going forward.

Mr. Fasanello pointed out that they will jump around the Agenda since they have time before the 7:00pm Appointment.

Discussion Items #1: Low-Income Home Water Assistance offered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Discussion is had on the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program.

Motion made by Mr. Mishra **Seconded** by Mr. Fasanello to invite the Finance Department to the next meeting to discuss the program.

Vote 5-0-0

Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Pradeep Mishra-Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes

Discussion Items #2: Converting Current Block Rates to 30 days & Discussion Items #3: Eliminating Charges on e-check and Debit Card Payments

Mr. Fasanello mentioned that Jodi Cuneo suggested an e-check and debit card payment workshop. Scott Gustafson was asked to coordinate.

Discussion Items #4: Jarvis Farm

Map of the site is attached to the package and discussion is had. The Board requested that Brendan Croak, Recreation Direction attend the next meeting to find out the difference between the yellow and white marks on the site map and what should be determined as surplus for the Board to report to the Select Board.

Comment Requests: (All Plans will be available for review)

Memo from Planning Board re: Bristol Bros., Renmar Ave & West St. Site Plan Approval

Discussion was had regarding the plans presented from the Planning Board.

Mr. Hasenjaeger would like to request the Engineering Department attend a meeting and give a presentation to show the water lines on the plans. Mr. Abbott suggested the plans be online and to investigate a way to do so.

Appointment:

7:00pm - Weston & Sampson Presentation on Bi-Monthly Project Update

Leah Stanton, Weston and Sampson representative discussed the interconnection with Norwood that would wheel MWRA water through Norwood into Walpole. They have evaluated 5 different locations in Walpole and have narrowed it down to 2. They are moving forward with a hydraulic analysis on Union Street at Route 1 which has an existing interconnection. The other location is Mylod Street which has a nicer connection from the Walpole side. Ms. Stanton continued to update that there is a 12 inch water main in Walpole which means they can get water into Walpole easily. The town would have to build a new water main to do the connection to Norwood and build the facilities which Stantec is preparing proposals for that work. Norwood and Weston & Sampson will both move forward on hydraulic modeling for both locations. Mylod is the choice if the hydraulics works and Rustic Road was also mentioned to be considered. The Select Board would like a more detailed Gant Chart and both the Board and Select Board are anxious to get this project started. Weston & Sampson will fix the schedule, send a scan of the MWRA system in Norwood and the location of the meters. They will also give some more granular details on the schedule and keep talking about doing things on a parallel track. The Weston & Sampson representative will plan to come to the meetings once a month until the project gets rolling.

Discussion Items #5: Meter to Cash Report

Mr. Misra requests a soft copy to be presented to the Board. The potential rates and rate hearing date of June 12, 2023 is discussed. Mr. Mishra summarizes his suggestions for the e-check payments and the 30 and 90 day block rates. Mr. Abbott suggests the Board meets prior to the Rate Hearing on June 5, 2023 with the Finance Team. Office manpower and technology is discussed compared to another town.

Motion made by Mr. Hasenjaeger **Seconded** by Mr. Fasanello to hold a meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023

Vote 5-0-0

Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Pradeep Mishra-Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes

New Business:

Boston Providence Highway –Director Mattson points out this was not on the agenda and can be discussed and no votes can be taken. David Wluka summarizes his project as a warehouse with office space and a retail cannabis dispensary behind Applebees on Route 1. Mr. Wluka requests that the Town of Walpole connect water for fire sprinkler lines only to meet state codes and for the safety of the building. Mr. Wluka discusses the letters sent to the Walpole and Sharon Fire Chiefs. Fire hydrant and water line locations are also discussed. Mr. Fasanello and Mr. Abbott ask the question of how this will benefit the Town and discussion is had. The Board requests Mr. Wluka update them at the next meeting or within 30 days with how this will benefit the Town of Walpole.

Motion made Mr. Fasanello **Seconded** by Mr. Fisher to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Vote 5-0-0

Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Pradeep Mishra-Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes

DATE MINUTES ACCEPTED: September 25, 2023