



*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

Monday, May 8, 2023
6:30 P.M.
1303 Washington Street
E.J. Delaney Treatment Plant

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, May 8, 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:

Scott Gustafson, Sewer and Water Superintendent, Stephen Nunnery, Asst. Sewer and Water Superintendent, Barbara Cloney, Board Secretary

Minutes: October 24, 2022 and November 21, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Fisher to accept the Minutes with said changes of October 24, 2022.

5-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

Mr. Hasenjaeger asks the Commission if Mr. Wluka from Optimum Hospitality could be added to the next Agenda as a brief Appointment to discuss the Applebee's project. The Commission agree if he has something new.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Mishra to accept the Minutes of November 21, 2022.

4-0-1 (YES VOTE)

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

Superintendents Status Report:

Mr. Gustafson reports that from the last meeting, there was a minor service leak on Wolcott Ave. He comments that the Water Main Replacement project is still going forward. He continues that routine tasks and maintenance continue to be performed.

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

1. Memo from Planning Board regarding Kearsage Walpole, LLC

Mr. Gustafson notes that a report has been submitted. Discussion about this project.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott *Seconded* by to send a note to the Planning Board that we have no comment since they do not get town water or sewer.

5-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Elizabeth Gaffey, Town Clerk regarding Bruins Way Definitive Subdivision Decision

Mr. Gustafson notes they will use private well and private septic. Mr. Fisher comments that he is concerned about the wetlands. He continues there is 164,000 square feet and 102,000 are wetlands. Mr. Hasenjaeger states read and noted.

2. Weston & Sampson Bi-Monthly Project Update – dated April 27, 2023

Mr. Abbott comments that it has been extremely long time between bidding and construction (2 yrs). Mr. Hasenjaeger wants to speed the process up and have rep appear before the Board. Mr. Hasenjaeger comments that he wants the MWRA to know that we are serious and working on this and we are applying. Mr. Abbott asks the Secretary to schedule the representative from W&S to come in to our next meeting.

3. Memo from Bill Abbott, dated May 3, 2023 re: FY23 Revenue Numbers

Mr. Fisher comments regarding the overall budget, we are in line. He that continues I just have a couple of comments. Mr. Fisher continues that the miscellaneous revenue is 165K over on the water side. Actually, same thing on the sewer side. Mr. Abbott comments that he can break it down for the next meeting.

4. Memo from Bill Abbott, dated May 1, 2023 re: Water Production – Current vs Prior Years

Mr. Mishra comments there is some construction work that needs to be done to find the leaks. Mr. Gustafson comments that we looked at three different consultants. Two of them are not available. The third responded and we are going through the process of getting them started. Discussion about the leak project process.

Discussion:

1. Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program offered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Mr. Fasanello comments that he is all in favor. He would like them to come in and give us a brief explanation on what is going on. Mr. Fasanello continues that maybe the Council of Aging would like to come to that meeting. Mr. Abbott comments that the funding does not go to the resident, the funding goes to the System and they make use of it.

2. Jarvis Farm

Mr. Fasanello asks what is happening. Mr. Gustafson notes that since the last meeting, we are still waiting on the Survey. Mr. Fisher comments that as part of their master plan, they have a list of the cabins that they want to save. He continues that we looked at the ones they want to get rid of. I think for the next meeting, we should talk to the Recreation Director and make sure the numbers that we have on the cabins are correct and then we can make a Motion to declare them surplus.

3. Meter to Cash Report

Mr. Gustafson comments no issues.

Discussion about interviewing the Secretary candidates.

Mr. Abbott comments that we should schedule our annual Rate Hearing for the first meeting in June, which is June 12th. The Commission agrees.

Mr. Hasenjaeger would like to move the Monday, June 22nd meeting to Tuesday, June 23rd so there would be no conflict with the town with the election.

Motion made by Mr. Hasenjaeger ***Seconded*** by Mr. Fasanello that we change our meeting to Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:30pm from Monday, June 22nd at 6:30pm.

5-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

Motion made by Mr. Hasenjaeger ***Seconded*** by Mr. Abbott to adjourn at 7:24pm

Vote 5-0-0

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

DATE MINUTES ACCEPTED: February 26, 2024