

March 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

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

Mr. Mattson reports that they received kudos regarding the most recent rainstorm for no “SSO’s” (sewer spill over)

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to accept the minutes of March 8, 2010. Second by John Spillane.
Vote 5-0-0.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed except for an abatement of 56 Christina Drive. This abatement was held until the next meeting based on the fact that there will be more correspondence regarding this account at that time.

21 GINLEY RD. – REQUEST FOR ANSWERS

Mr. Mattson reports that the first incident at this address occurred in 2002 or 2003. There have been 2 or 3 subsequent events. This home has a basement level shower and the main is flat. It was previously been determined that household grease that originated from the house had caused the waste to back into the house. It was therefore put on our list of monthly maintenance. The resident had mentioned in his letter that the Norwood vacutor truck was what last responded to his problem and questioned the reason for this. Mr. Mattson says there was mutual aid because our truck was down for repairs. His plan now is to keep them on the monthly maintenance list, use biodegradable grease eater and the installation of a one way valve. Mr. Fasanello asks about a one way flapper and Mr. Mattson responds that this is what he meant so if there are any future in house back ups it would be the homeowner’s responsibility. This is being done at no cost to the homeowner. Mr. Mattson will be drafting a letter to the homeowner and will email it to the Commissioners before sending it.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1, E.J. DELANEY WTP REHABILITATION PROJECT

This will be addressed at the 7:30 appointment which is the engineering firm that is involved in this project.

Mr. Mattson reports that in his meter replacement program there are about 375 residences that have not complied with our many requests. He will be now painting these curb boxes a fluorescent orange to identify those who have not complied be given to the Commission for a vote of termination of water service at these addresses.

REQUEST FOR DIRECT BILLING – MR. JONES, 43 CAMPBELL ST., NORFOLK

Mr. Campbell of Norfolk receives Walpole water and is writing to the Board requesting that we eliminate the third person (Town of Norfolk) from his billing and asks that we bill him directly for the service we provide. There is discussion and the Board is of the opinion that since a portion of his property is in Walpole, the Town would have the ability to lien it should he become delinquent in his

payments. The Commission can find no reason not to honor Mr. Jones' request and asks that the staff initiate billing Mr. Jones directly. This will be done.

COMMENTS FROM NEPRWA RE WATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT

Mr. Mattson says that these comments were made to the DEP from NEPRWA with regard to our Water Management Permit and he is not happy with what they had to say. He will address all of these points with Steve Pearlman of NEPRWA. There is some discussion and Mr. Mattson says he will wait for Mr. Pearlman to contact him to go over things and if he feels the need he will have Mr. Pearlman come before the Sewer & Water Commission.

P B PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION SATM ZONING ARTICLES 24, 25, AND 26

This is read and noted and determined to be informational for any of those who wish to attend.

CERTIFICATION OF FATM ARTICLES FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL

This is read and noted.

DISTRICT COURT SMALL CLAIMS DECISION, FALKSON, 11 BUBBLING BROOK RD

The courts judgment was in favor of the Town. The Board commends Mr. Muti and Mr. Boynton for defending the Town's position so well.

WATER METER SCAM

Mr. Mattson says there is an article in the local paper informing residents to beware of anyone claiming to be from the Water Dept. if they do not have an appointment. There have been reported incidences at High Plain St. and West Pine Drive. He has instructed his staff not to take things personally if their identity is questioned.

SITE PLAN DECISION, T-MOBILE, 153 WASHINGTON ST

This is a read and noted.

INQUIRIES TO BOH FROM RESIDENT RE: RAO STATUS AT WALPOLE PARK SOUTH

This is considered to be a read and noted and the two parties can deal with each other.

7:30 APPT. LEAH STANTON, WESTON & SAMPSON – DELANEY WTP PROJECT

Ms. Stanton says the bids were opened for 2 contracts; the first was for the upgrade of the filters, to replace the media, replace the valves, and repaint the filter vessels. D&C Construction was the low bidder and PJ Forbes is low bidder for the painting. The bids were below Weston and Sampson's estimates. The second is for the dehumidification with Water Line Industries as low bid and a good price. They are a reputable firm and recommends award for the bid. Mr. Mattson says the documents are in the hands of the contractor. Mr. Muti asks why the aeration towers were not included. Mr. Mattson explains that due to funds they will put this on the next phase of this construction as they are still fully functional. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to authorize the Town Administrator to sign Contract Amendment #1 for the rehabilitation of the E.J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

Mr. Muti reports that he went to the Planning Board meeting last Thursday. He says Attorney Macchi made an elegant presentation and then Mr. Merrikin and Mr. Johnson made presentations. He says there

was little time to speak. The consensus of the meeting was that everyone wanted a full blown rewrite of the WRPOD, which would take a lot of time. There is discussion on boring analysis site work. Mr. Fettig says this should equate to the two engineering firms working together. Mr. Muti says he spoke with Kevin McKinnon of Weston and Sampson says he can do the analysis or take the extra step and put in some wells and Mr. Muti did not want to commit until he spoke to the rest of the Board. If agreed upon it would be coordinated with Sewer and Water who would control Weston and Sampson. There is discussion regarding Weston and Sampson already reviewing the data and making a determination on the data already available however Mr. Merrikin and the Planning Board do not feel this was adequate. Mr. Muti says because this is a new article, the various Boards need to take another vote. Mr. Turner says he sees no reason why the Conservation Commission would change their previous vote. He speaks of the Board of Health and their position. He believes that even if the stratified drift is 40' or 39' the land had been excavated and may have been 100', 50' or 60' in years past. There has been so much change to this property that he believes the 40' is an arbitrary number. Mr. Mattson says it may be but it is what is written in the regulations. Mr. Mattson wonders what the owners would want to build that can go in Area 3 that will not go in Area 2. He thinks the owners should come forward with their plans. There is discussion on what is to be built here and Mr. Mattson says it is more what cannot be stored here. Mr. Turner says he is just trying to protect the watershed. If there is a spill it could flow down to School Meadow Brook and we could end up with another Metal Bellows situation. There is talk about the State not taking corrective action until it goes above the maximum contaminant level all the while not allowing him to pump it into the brook. Mr. Mattson says this article will require a 2/3 vote at town meeting. He says the scientific data that Mr. Johnson has does not meet the definition of Area w which state 40' of stratified drift, he thinks it would be best to roll the dice at town meeting. There is then discussion regarding being fair to Mr. Murphy by going on the property across the street (Iorio's) and do borings here also. Mr. Fasanello says he would like to see both drilled and if Iorio says no then at least we asked. Mr. Muti agrees and he adds that the analysis could come back to say Iorio is in Area 3 or may not be. Mr. Fasanello adds that if we could also get a report that suggests that Iorio should be changed back to Area 2. Mr. Muti says this is a timing issue as it is going to be discussed at the Finance Committee next Monday. Mr. Mattson says if we have no additional information he believes that the Planning Board will take a vote. Mr. Muti says he would like to be able to tell the Planning Board that the information previously provided is either right or wrong and state why this is so. Mr. Fettig asks who is paying for this and Mr. Muti says we are. Mr. Fettig says the applicant had offered to pay for this and Mr. Muti says that the Sewer & Water Commission would lose control. Mr. Fettig says they do a lousy job anyway. Mr. Fasanello says he is uncomfortable doing this for just one property owner and does not feel he could vote for this. Mr. Muti offers to ask Iorio if they can drill on their property also. Mr. Fettig wonders why we are spending money on this if it has already been done and Mr. Fasanello answers that it needs to be confirmed on both sides. Mr. Muti says he will ask Iorio but feels it will not be allowed but wants to move quickly on the project. Mr. Fasanello asks why we are moving quickly and Mr. Muti says it is because the article is being discussed now. Mr. Fasanello does not want to be rushed to a judgment. Mr. Muti says if the Board votes this that Kevin McKinnon can get started tomorrow and he would like to be ready for the Planning Board meeting of April 15. Mr. Fasanello says he will only vote the motion if it is inclusive of Iorio property. Mr. Muti says he will make the phone call to Mr. Iorio tomorrow. There is further discussion. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to authorize Weston and Sampson to contact Ray Johnson of Tetra Tech Rizzo to conduct a detailed analysis study with onsite borings and any onsite work that is necessary. If the cost exceeds \$5000 - \$6000 then the Superintendent should first contact the Board members. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 2-3-0, Spllane, Fasanello and Turner against. Mr. Fasanello says this motion is too specific and is piece meal. We

have been burnt too many times. Mr. Spillane feels we are better to stay where we are and roll the dice at town meeting. He feels it is too close to our water supply and does not care what zone it is listed as being in. Mr. Turner agrees with Mr. Spillane. Mr. Fettig says the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen asked for the engineers to get together and form an opinion that they could take to town meeting and we chose not to do this. Mr. Muti responds that he is going to route he thinks we should and would like enough information to go to the Planning Board, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen and say here are the studies and the borings done and this is solid information. He does not want any controversy to take place. Mr. Fasanello just does not want a specific site considered for one land owner. Mr. Muti asks for the consensus of the Board if they pursue the adjacent site also. Mr. Fettig says we already have the data and sees no point in doing it again. Mr. Fasanello says the data is from the applicant's consultant. Mr. Fettig feels things are being made too complicated. Mr. Muti would like to see an amended motion. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to authorize Weston and Sampson to contact Ray Johnson of Tetra Tech Rizzo to conduct a detailed analysis study with onsite borings and any onsite work that is necessary and to have Mr. Muti contact the drill the adjacent parcel's owner to seek permission to drill borings on his site also. Should the adjacent property owner decline our request then we would drill Mr. Murphy's property only. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 4-1-0, Spillane against.

K. BROWN, RE: NEW ENGLAND HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS

Kirsten Brown and Anthony Warren are engineers for this project. They present a plan to make additions to the property at this site on Lincoln Road and bring girls and boys from the Knights Children's Center in Jamaica Plain. They are here tonight to discuss the impact to the water supply. There is an overview given of the entire proposed complex. Mr. Muti asks who else they have gone before and Mr. Warren says they informally went to the Planning Board, the Board of Health, Engineering and Conservation Commission. There is discussion on the need for fire flow and pressure boost capabilities, as well as whether or not the houses around this would lose pressure. There is discussion on whether these children would be residents of the Town and their education and Mr. Muti says this discussion is out of order. Mr. Fasanello says he would like to know if this is considered low cost housing and count towards our 40B requirements. Mr. Mattson says he would like to know if the Board is comfortable with the water supply. It is a one directional feed, 8" in front and 6" going in and it is one source of feed from the South Tank which is 3.5 to 4 miles away. Mr. Fasanello asks if it is advisable to put a tank on their property for fire protection and Mr. Mattson answers that this would be up to the Fire Chief. Mr. Fettig mentions a standby generator. Mr. Turner expresses concern over the amount of water in the street and is not sure there is enough in the street to handle additional buildings. It is agreed that the Board needs to wait until Fire Chief Bailey reviews things to see what his opinion is. The applicants are thanked.

Mr. Fasanello asks that the subject of wells be put on the next agenda.

Motion Made by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.