

May 9, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: John Spillane, Patrick Fasanello, Ken Fettig. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water.

Motion Made by John Spillane to accept the minutes of April 11, 2011. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 3-0-0.

Abatements submitted tonight were signed except for the pool abatement in the amount of \$8476.23. Two of the Commissioners present tonight do not feel that the water budget should be subsidizing the recreation budget and will not sign the abatement. This will be brought back to the next meeting to see if the Commissioners absent from the meeting are interested in signing the abatement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reminds the Board that he had explained the problem the residents of 131 Summer Street had with their sewer line and how they were asking for some consideration for the charges they incurred. The Board had thought that the charges were quite high and asked the Superintendent to look into it to see if the charges were fair. He says after speaking with the local contractor that was called it appears that Boston Drain was called first and spent 6 hours here. After that they called this particular contractor which added to the cost. It seems that the wrong people were called and the local contractor says that if this were not the case it would have cost approximately \$275 to \$300; not \$850. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate \$150 to this homeowner through a credit on their water/sewer account. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 3-0-0.

Mr. Mattson reports that Town Meeting voted favorably for all articles sponsored by the Commission. He will be drafting an RFP for Article 14 (the new water tank). This will be for \$1.9 million for a 2.0 mg tank with an alternate of 2.5 mg if it fits within the budget.

Mr. Mattson explains about the pump station that is at the corner of Norfolk St. and West St., which previously belonged to the Neponset River Commission. The Town of Walpole owns the building and it was used by the Neponset River Comm. to pump from the river to the industries in Town. Administration has asked him to make sure this Board has no issues before they proceed with converting it to the Town's kennel. There is some discussion however no issues are expressed.

Mr. Mattson has brought a couple of documents from the Town Engineer that are street and easement acceptances that the Commission must vote. He explains that they are a formality and need to be signed and notarized by the Commission to enable her to record them at the registry of deeds. The first is for the New Fisher Lane Subdivision (for New Fisher Lane and Cornfield Lane) and the other is for Bird Estates (for Endean Dr., Hildene and Olympic Ct.). **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to sign the documents for the street and easement acceptances as presented by the Superintendent tonight. Second by John Spillane. Vote 3-0-0.

Mr. Mattson tells of a site visit with Wright Pierce in Somerset for a pre stressed concrete tank. Mr. Fasanello says he would be interested as well as Mr. Fettig who says this is his expertise. They will both be reminded of the visit.

GeoInsight had contacted Mr. Mattson regarding his previous report that had shown petroleum distillates inside the former Metal Bellows site. He reports that he believes it was because of the low groundwater as he is no longer concerned about it.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 33 WEST ST. SEWER CHARGES

It appears that the Historical Society was paying for sewer charges since 1992 and was not connected to sewer. Mr. Mattson believes it was inadvertently disconnected during the big project in this area during that year because our records show it was connected in 1939. The total cost for sewer since 1992 was for \$2303.57. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate the \$2303.57 through a credit on their account until this amount is used. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 3-0-0.

IRRIGATION REQUESTS

There are ten requests on the agenda for irrigation systems in the Toll Brothers Estates. **Motion Made** by John Spillane provided that the Superintendents requirements are met and they abide by the Water Management Policy to approve the installation of the irrigation systems for 29 and 33 Anderson Way; 105 Endean Dr.; 4, 46, 54, and 92 Hound Pack Circle; 3, 7, and 8 York Circle. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 3-0-0.

Mr. Fettig shows a book he is reading called "THE BIG THIRST" by Charles Fishman. He is recommending that personnel read it as it is the future of the water supply and is very informative.

Motion Made by Ken Fettig that the Water Department purchase 3 of these books and circulate them among the Water Dept. Second by John Spillane. Vote 3-0-0.

Motion Made by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Accepted May 23, 2011