

November 14, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

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

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by James Taylor to accept the minutes of September 26, 2011. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that the commercial meter program is underway. He met with representatives of Mass Installation and has sent correspondence relative of what to expect. He does not anticipate having a problem with access. The first big company will be Rolls Royce as they have gone to ultra secret clearance and needs to get it done as soon as possible.

The Board is told that the vortex unit arrived today and will be installed on November 29th. It is a fairly simple process and it is expected to take only a couple of days. It will be installed in the manhole at the intersection of Barbara Rd. and Georgia Dr.

The issue of chemical spill notifications has been addressed.

There is a delay in the installation of the strip towers and the company has asked for an extension which he says he will seek liquidated damages for because we are going into the winter and it would be very difficult if not impossible to install in the winter.

Mr. Mattson says he is working on the capital budget and operational budget and asks the Commission to let him know if any of them wishes to add anything. None of the Board members have anything at this time.

He reports that we did not sell a lot of water this past summer, the average being 2.08 mgd. He says the DEP projections were pretty much on target.

ORDER OF TAKING AND ACCEPTANCES FOR FATM

Mr. Mattson explains that this is a routine document that must be recorded after the Board signs it for street acceptances. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to sign the documents for Berkley Place. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 5-0-0. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to sign the documents for Hollowdale Farm Rd. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0.

CHANGE TO REGULATION TO INCLUDE LARGE METER OWNERSHIP

Mr. Mattson asks that the Board consider establishing a meter/unit fee that would be earmarked for meters rather than appropriating money to the extensive meter system. He says other towns do this and it is quite standard. The Board thought this is a good idea. The regulation now states that it will only

furnish a $\frac{5}{8}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter. We are now going to furnish and own larger meters, which means the regulation must be changed. Mr. Fasanello says we need a public hearing to change our regulations and asks that it be advertised in the paper for the next meeting.

BOARD OF APPEALS CASE 22-11, 48 MILLBROOK AVE, COOLBRITH

Mr. Muti asks that a letter be sent to the Board of Appeals stating that based on the comments of the Town Engineer there is additional information that is required. This Commission would like to see the revised documents and plans prior to providing comments to the Appeals Board, especially items 5 and 6 of the engineer's comments. Until that time this Board would like to reserve the right to comment.

BOARD OF APPEALS CASE 24-11, 54 WATER ST. PANAGOPOULOS

Mr. Muti asks that a letter be sent to the Board of Appeals stating that based on the comments of the Town Engineer there is additional information that is required. This Commission would like to see the revised documents and plans prior to providing comments to the Appeals Board, especially items 3, 4, and 6 of the engineer's comments. Until that time this Board would like to reserve the right to comment.

PLANNING BOARD CASE 11-10 & 11-11 SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL PERMIT, MINUTEMAN, 2195 BOSTON PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY

It is explained that the Town Engineer did not have enough time to review this however she will have it for our next meeting. The Board is also told that Attorney Macchi has offered to attend the next meeting to address any questions or concerns the Board might have. The Commission feels that they would first like to review and discuss the Town Engineer's comments and then Attorney Macchi could come to the meeting after that, if necessary. It is asked that a letter be sent to the Planning Board stating such and reserving the right to comment until this can be achieved.

NOI SPRING BROOK PARK, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CONSERVATION COMM.

Mr. Turner says this bridge is sponsored by the Master Plan Implementation and Conservation Commission and was designed by a student engineer. He gives the background of the project. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to send a letter to the Conservation Commission stating that this Board supports the plans for the above notice of intent. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 3-1-1, Taylor against, Turner abstains.

NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL SITE PLAN DECISION

This document is read and noted.

B&C FLORAL SITE PLAN DECISION

This document is read and noted.

IRA COMPLETION REPORT & RAO STATEMENT – 15 GINLEY RD.

Mr. Mattson explains that this was a leaky fuel tank and the remediation that took place. It is read and noted.

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING – FLUORIDE

Motion Made by Roger Turner to open the public meeting. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0

Present for the meeting is Kristine Seibel, 7 Jean Road. Ms. Seibel identifies herself as a lifelong resident of Walpole and a pediatric dentist in the Town of Sudbury. The Board explains that they are holding this meeting to gather input from the public to the pros and cons of adding fluoride to the Town's water supply. They are disheartened at the lack of showing. Ms. Seibel says she heard about this from her mother at the last minute and felt the need to be here tonight to see why the Town was considering this. Mr. Fasanello asks Ms. Seibel her position on this matter. She relates a multiple of facts including helping with dental caries, helpful to children and adults and wonders if the cost is a factor for removing it. Mr. Mattson says it costs approximately \$30,000 per year which is minimal for the Water Department's expenses, so cost is not a factor. Mr. Fasanello says that fluoride was introduced into our water supply in 1977, there is no decision made at this time whether or not to continue to add it. This Board just felt that it had been added for so long that it was time to revisit it. He adds that they are a neutral Board elected by the people to represent them. They are seeking input and knowledge from the residents of Walpole. Ms. Seibel gives a list of benefits to the fluoride in the water. Mr. Muti says he did some research and could find a lot of reasons against adding the fluoride. There is further discussion regarding how a study showed fluoride to be topical, not systemic, and therefore there is no need to swallow it. There is also discussion on other sources of fluoride and how it is dose related. Mr. Muti says in researching this he is looking at the total picture rather than strictly preventative dentistry. Mr. Mattson speaks about the State standard and the fact that they are recommending lowering the amount added. To him if the State is saying add less then he feels there may be cause for concern. Mr. Fasanello asks Ms. Seibel if she is in favor of keeping fluoride in the water and she responds that she feels it should be a decision based on as much on the facts as possible and it should be a group decision. Mr. Fasanello also asks if she is in favor as a dentist of a topical dose if it was taken out of the water and she speaks of the cost effectiveness of doing this. Mr. Fasanello goes on to say that when we supply the water we are philosophically medicating. Since it is in there if you do not want it this medication there is a problem. Ms. Seibel says she agrees it is a tough call but all you can do is give the information. Mr. Fettig says the State allows 65 gallons per person per day and at best you might drink 1 gallon which leaves 64 gallons used for other things and we are adding fluoride to it. He feels it is more efficient to get it through either a pill, toothpaste or other methods. Ms. Seibel says that would be great if everyone did it but how many actually would. Mr. Turner says he really appreciates the fact that Ms. Seibel came especially being a dentist that could provide educational information. The rest of the Board is also grateful to her for taking the time to come. She says as a resident she was curious where we were going with the idea. She will be gathering some information that the Board had previously discussed for them and will forward it to the secretary for their review.

INCREASED PROPANE STORAGE AT 399 LINCOLN RD. CORRESPONDENCE

A memo was sent to the Board of Selectmen stating that this increased storage would not be detrimental to the Town's water supply and therefore other than supporting the comments of Deputy Fire Chief Laracy, this Board has no further comments. This is considered read and noted.

TOWN ENGINEER'S COMMENT SON 25% PLAN ROUTE 1A PROJECT

The Board asks what this is all about as this is the first they have heard of this. Mr. Mattson says this is being done by Mass Highway. They are reconfiguring and reconstructing Route 1A from the center of town to the Norwood Line. The Town will take over this road after the work is done.

LIBERTY VILLAGE, 1034 EAST ST. ARREARS

The Board discusses that fact that this is an ongoing problem with this account. There has been payment plans agreed upon in the past and part of the agreement is that the account must also remain current. There is discussion on whether or not to bring the owner into the meeting or to shut the water off at this address. It is agreed that the deadline to pay in full is November 25th and it should be left on the agenda to see if it gets paid by this date. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to make the Finance Department aware that payment in full is expected by November 25th and there should not be any payment plan allowed. If not made then it will be on the next agenda to determine if termination of service at this address is going to occur. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

WALSH CONTRACTING INFLOW/INFILTRATION OBLIGATION

Mr. Mattson explains that Mr. Walsh was looking for acceptance of his subdivision (High Oaks IV) however his bond for inflow and infiltration work had expired which was a condition of his sewer extension permit. Mr. Walsh has since renewed the bond and Mr. Mattson says there is no longer a reason to hold up the acceptance. Mr. Fasanello asks if he has completed all the water work in the subdivision as required and Mr. Mattson responds that honestly they have not yet checked it. Mr. Fasanello would like a letter sent to the Planning Board stating that prior to this acceptance they would like a punch list made up by Mr. Mattson of water items that need to be checked.

DRAFT 2011 UPDATED OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN

Mr. Fasanello says he would like to send a comment that Adams Farm high elevation area is a concern of this Board for possible water supply use. There is discussion as to whether or not there is any high elevation in Adams Farm. Mr. Fasanello any high elevation (250 feet or more) would be of interest to the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners. It is asked that a comment be sent to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee and the Conservation Commission stating this. Mr. Turner says he will also relate the Board's wishes as he will be at the meeting.

MWRA MEETING NOTES

Mr. Fasanello says he has a plan in mind to force these people to do the right thing. He feels that the MWRA is not enforcing their own regulations by allowing the hole in the ground in Canton to be septic dump. It is an unregulated dump and it goes to Deer Island for treatment which is costing us money. There is further discussion and Mr. Fasanello asks that these notes be sent to Mr. Trubiano, Ms. Fiore, Fred Lasky, Rep. Timilty, Rep. Lynch, Joe Favolaro, the DEP and the EPA.

BAKER HUGHES FOLLOW UP CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Muti says he went to this meeting. He says there were 3 different processes that were spoken of that were rated by points. The worst process was 15 monitor wells for life known as the MNA program. It was rated with 14 points and the cost would be \$1 million. Option 2 was site remediation for \$8 million and there was only 1 point difference although there was a \$7 million difference. . Kevin McKinnon of Weston and Sampson pointed out some inaccurate scientific data and gave it back to Baker Hughes however he does not know what they plan to come up with. There has been about \$5 million spent on clean up primarily the area groundwater. Mr. Fasanello says he noticed the pond (Ruck a Duck) diverted the Neponset River. His idea which he had mentioned before is to put back the Neponset River to its natural course and leave the pond to dry. He believes the bottom will be full of stuff that could be taken away and not continue to contaminate. Mr. Muti says they don't want to because it would not be cost effective. There has been no testing of the pond because they know there are contaminants but

there is no evidence as long as they don't test. Mr. Turner gives the historical background of the pond. There is further discussion and they will wait to see where this goes.

PETITION TO LIMIT WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

Mr. Fasanello reports that they did not get enough signatures and it will not make the ballot, as there was not enough public support. This will be taken off the agenda for discussion.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to adjourn. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Accepted December 12, 2011

Commissioner Patrick Fasanello, Clerk