

**April 22, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: James Taylor, Roger Turner, Patrick Fasanello and Kevin Muti. Also, Michael Boynton, Town Administrator, Police Officers Carmichael and Leland, Fire Chief Bailey, Council On Aging Director Courtney Riley, Residents Sam Obar, Tom Driscoll, Cliff Snuffer, Joe Moraski and Bill Hamilton.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor to accept the minutes of April 8, 2013. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 3-0-1, Muti abstains.

**CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, NOI, 24 ARLINGTON LA**

Since this is not in the aquifer it is asked that a letter be sent to the Conservation Commission stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to the above subject.

**CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS LOT 7 WARREN LA**

This is also not in the aquifer and it asked that a letter be sent to the Conservation Commission stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer.

**CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, NOI, 110 & 105 NORFOLK ST. WALPOLE**

The Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners no longer oversee drainage so it is asked that a letter be sent to the Conservation Commission stating that this Commission concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer.

**TREATMENT FOR DIOXANE**

There is discussion as to whether or not Metal Bellows is liable for the cost of this treatment. Mr. Boynton says that Town Counsel is looking for more information before they pursue this. It is asked if Town Counsel has the correspondence before us tonight and if not to send it to them. It is also asked that this be kept on the agenda at this time.

**YEARLY OPERATIONAL PLAN FROM TEC ASSOCIATES**

It is asked that the usual letter be sent requiring mechanical means to be used in our aquifer area.

**YEARLY OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR CSX**

It is asked that the same letter that is being sent to TEC Associates above be sent to AMEC also.

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL, PLIMPTONVILLE CROSSING**

The Board is in agreement that all their requirements have been met.

Mr. Snuffer of Precinct 6 asks to go back to the dioxane conversation. He asks what it is a by product of and if it is a carcinogen. Mr. Fasanello says it is not something that belongs in the drinking water. Mr. Snuffer asks if there is a clear path to correct the problem and Mr. Fasanello responds that there are 3 methods of remediation in the document that was previously discussed.

**7:15 MAGUIRE REPORT**

Daniel Tuberty and Fabrizio Caruso are present from the Maguire Group. Mr. Fasanello says he will open the floor to each Commissioner to see if they have any comments after reading the report. Mr.

Turner says he will concentrate on the portions that are addressing the watershed only but would like to wait until he hears what the other commissioners and the audience has to say. Mr. Muti feels the same as Mr. Turner, as does Mr. Taylor. Mr. Fasanello says there is a lot of information in the report such as the description of plumbing and there are a lot of typos which makes the report difficult to read and understand. He says he personally spent hours on it. Mr. Caruso says they were asked to look at entire buildings and then gives a brief history of the Maguire Group. He says he worked with the town officials on how to proceed for the next 20 years. They looked at how the buildings would impact the protection of the watershed which is why they are here tonight. The Maguire Group shows plans on how they proposed to build a Senior Center, temporary fire station until they can renovate the one in the center of town and a new police station; with the temporary fire station becoming a new DPW station. Wetland evaluations were performed. There is discussion on the downtown area not having enough space and the fact of using public property would be the most cost effective solution. Mr. Taylor says he wants red lights and Mr. Fasanello asks him to go through the chair when he wishes to speak. There is further discussion. Mr. Turner says he is bothered by not seeing a big picture of the plans showing waterways, restricted wetlands (i.e. Neponset River). The handling of runoff should be shown. Mr. Turner feels he needs to see the whole picture and none of the issues he just mentioned have been addressed. Expansion area has not been mentioned at all if there is a need to expand there is no room. Mr. Caruso says they can always design to accommodate a second floor. Mr. Taylor says they should build a combination police and fire station. Mr. Turner asks if there have been any test borings and Mr. Caruso responds that they are only in the planning stage. Mr. Taylor speaks of the salt that will come off of the cruisers. He adds that the Town will never see a senior center here as money was given back to the State. There is discussion on the reason the field behind town hall cannot be used and why it is not economical to have a combined police/fire station. Funding opportunities are briefly discussed. The different locations that were looked at are spoken about as well as the cost differences and feasibilities. Mr. Muti also feels he would also like to see more detailed plans. The DPW is talked about. Mr. Boynton says a new DPW would eliminate a risk as it is old and does not have gas/oil traps, when it is repaved it could be environmentally conscious with regard to sloping. Mr. Caruso is asked about the Robbins Road site and he says it is a steep grade; the senior center would have to be wedged into the VFW area and would be dangerous for elderly drivers. Mr. Boynton says the odds for the Robbins Road site is 4 to 1 against. Mr. Muti says he has reservations as it is the Commission's charge to protect the aquifer. He feels there is potential to compound a problem. Mr. Fasanello speaks about having to keep switching pages in the report and notes there is no mention of Walpole Woodworkers site. He is told by Mr. Caruso that this is because of the cost for the acquisition of land, the tax situation, clean up requirements per EPA and the timeframe for cleanup. Therefore Mr. Caruso feels the added costs would not be practical. Mr. Fasanello points out the costs for clean water. Mr. Fasanello points out many of the typographical errors and makes note that there is no summary. Mr. Fasanello agrees with the other commissioner's in that there needs to be a large locus to see everything together. He feels it is not the best place to build as it is the Sewer & Water Commissioner's sworn duty to protect the water supply. Mr. Boynton would like to point out that there is no perfect site. He would like the Board to keep in mind that the final report has not been written yet, there are still meeting with residents to find out if it is plausible. It is still in the preliminary stages. Mr. Snuffer feels there are some serious issues with the cost structure. He would like to know if this Commission was asked to join the meeting with the Maguire Group and the answer is no. He feels it is imperative to have the wisdom and input of this Commission. He recites Section 12 of the Zoning By Laws which address aquifer protection and states that water is our greatest resource and although he supports public safety; protection of the water supply is more important. Further discussion is held regarding what was at the DPW site years ago. Mr. Hamilton asks Mr. Caruso if they have a hydrologist and Mr. Caruso responds that was not in his scope of services. Mr. Hamilton says the amount of sodium in the water is a big issue for him and many others. They cannot drink it because of this. Mr. Driscoll of Precinct 4 says he has two requests; the first is to use extreme caution of placing these buildings in the aquifer. He discusses his efforts. The second issue is looking at toxic spill oversight at a State level and the oversight of waste clean up.

He says Representative Kafka has filed legislation with co-sponsors and he is asking the Sewer & Water Commission could see fit to write a letter to support the house bill. Mr. Moraski of Precinct 8 would like to go on record as being opposed to the site and would like to state that he appreciates the Sewer & Water Commission and the Maguire Group holding this discussion tonight. He appreciates the fact that police and fire need a building, and but not in Area 1 of our aquifer. This is our most concentrated area of wells and the risk is too great. He would like everyone to work with the Board of Selectmen to come up with an alternative site. Mr. Hamilton says the DPW is putting the aquifer under stress. This area is one of the last two places that another well can be drilled and putting buildings here will limit our ability to drill. Mr. Turner speaks of the future need for expansion and the fact that diesel generators will be needed, storage space as there will not be cellars, and the need for recharge to replenish. He feels more information is needed to find out if it is doable. Mr. Moraski asks if the Board will be taking a formal position and Mr. Fasanello says they will but is unsure when that will be.

**Motion Made** by Roger Turner to reconsider the vote taken at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting that failed regarding raising the new water tank higher. Second by James Taylor. Vote 3-0-1, Muti abstains. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to build the new water tank up to 135 feet with it being designed to hand existing and future antennas with the provision that the \$250,000 that was to be used to build an antenna tower at this site be contributed to the water tank project. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0. Mr. Boynton informs that the \$250,000 that is proposed is coming from the general fund through borrowing. He suggests that the Commission allow this request to go forward and that would allow the money to be appropriated. Then in the fall place an article to borrow or take from retained earnings an appropriation to build the new tank and as a part 2 to amend the borrowing that was approved in the spring to augment the tank project. By doing this the funding is there.

**ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR I/I CHARGES NORTHRIDGE FARM SUBDIVISION**

Mr. Boynton suggest going into executive session at the next scheduled meeting for discussion on this.

Mr. Boynton would like to inform the Board that he has asked our Town Accountant to review the water and sewer funds as they had requested and a report should be forthcoming shortly.

**Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to adjourn. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

*Accepted May 13, 2013*