

**April 8, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

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

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed. Mr. Fettig asks about the water quality issues on Hale Road and Mr. Mattson explains that there was a complaint by a resident and after investigating it was found that there was a closed valve and once open the problem was solved. However the homeowner was told to run her water prior to finding the problem and she is now asking for credit for this water used. This is one of the abatements tonight.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor to accept the minutes of March 25, 2013 with recommended amendments. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Mattson speaks of the leak that occurred last Wednesday at the new tank site. Mr. Fasanello video taped it and sent it to the other Commissioners. He says fortunately there was no damage to the abutting properties and the residents were happy with the response of the contractor and the Water Dept. The project is still on schedule. There is one hydraulic issue that they have not yet been able to put their finger on but they are working on it. They cannot get the Duffy tank to cycle as it is supposed to. He tells the Board that he is ready to have his staff start hydrant flushing and maintenance which should be able to be done rather quickly unless things get busier. Mr. Mattson speaks of a letter he emailed all Commissioners late this afternoon regarding concerns of certain abutters of the new tank project that was composed by the Health Agent. He has asked that the Commission review it and make comments or changes they recommend as it will be sent to all abutters. Mr. Fettig says he found the gate at Old Post Road open late Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Mr. Mattson says he will get a key for the contractor and speak to him about locking the gate.

### **BOA CASE #06-13 CHARLES FORD, 7 WOODLAND RD**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is opposite Vose Lane and there are two lots with the same owner and he is looking to reconfigure things to make a third lot via a variance. There is discussion and Mr. Fasanello says he would only want to make sure they connected to sewer. A letter will be sent to the Board of Appeals stating this.

### **PLANNING BD REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, DEDHAM AUTO MALL, 623 RTE. 1**

The information is reviewed and discussed. Mr. Turner expresses concern over the proper handling of salt/deicing materials and the potential of eventually affecting Traphole Brook. A letter is to be sent to the Planning Board stating such.

### **PLANNING BD AND CONCOM REQUESTS, BOREGO SOLAR, 33 INDUSTRIAL RD.**

Mr. Fasanello says the solar rays may seem benign, however the panels block the groundcover which rids any plants underneath and therefore when it rains the drainage system needs should address this, as it will go into Cedar Swamp. Mr. Turner says the fact that it will be a level site with an impervious surface causes him concern over how the runoff will be handled. Mr. Mattson says this is all under the

Stormwater Management. Mr. Turner wonders what type of cleaning solution will be used to keep the panels clean, how it will be handled and how it will affect the integrity of the water at Cedar Swamp which effectively is our drinking water. He adds that vortex units should be required to filter the drains. He would urge the Conservation Commission to utilize their expertise to protect the Town's water supply. A letter will be sent to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission with comments from the Board.

### **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION – 1049 MAIN ST KOSTA CORP. SIDIROPOULOS**

A letter from Ms. Sidiropoulos explains that they had a frozen pipe that burst and is asking for consideration on the sewer charges. She understands that the water must be paid for and that she is being charged for the frozen meter. Discussion is held and information from the Water Department is reviewed. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to abate \$286.20 of sewer charges as calculated by the Water Department. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

It is explained to the Commission that their rules and regulations are in need of some updates as there are sections that either outdated or in need of revisions.

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to change the wording for the Domestic Use Charge to state that domestic private water supplies shall have a town meter installed for the purpose of determining a sewer charge and this shall be done by January 1, 2014. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor under Article V Section A to delete the words "current fee schedule" and replace it with "accordance with the most recently established inflow and infiltration ratio. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig under Article V Section D to delete the word permit from the statement. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to change the wording in Article VI by deleting the word "at a minimum, the" and adding "An approved interior or exterior. Also to take out "at a minimum" on the next page and add after required, "as well as the style, type and size. All required grease traps shall be at a minimum, the type and capacity as required." Also in the last statement of this section leave in "up to and including termination of service to the premises." Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor under the Septage Facility definitions to add to Article I Section A-3 (measurement of acidity). Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor under the Septage Facility Section B after community add "within the designated MWRA service area. Also the hours should state as posted by the Sewer & Water Commission except between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. at which time they will not be accepting loads." Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig under Septage Facility Article V Section A Measurement should state "The fee will be based on per gallon discharged as reported by the hauler and recorded on the Septic Disposal Record Form. Under Section B Payment Due, delete the word "homeowner" and replace it with "hauler". Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor under the Sewer Use Ordinance Article IX Section B, Guilt after the words "conviction thereof" the words "shall be fined an amount as per the current fee schedule, for each violation." Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig under Water Article III Section L it should be added at the end in parentheses "(Reference Chapter 554 of the Town of Walpole By Laws)."

**Motion Made** by James Taylor under Water Article IV Section B-1, under Size of Service Pipes, after the word “residence” it should say “and one inch (1”) for new construction.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor under Water Article IV Section B-3 Service Pipe, “laid” should be removed and replaced with the word “installed”. After the words “drain layer” there should be another sentence that says “Said curb box shall be located in a location approved by the Sewer & Water Commission. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor under Water Article IV Section B-4 to delete 3/4" and insert one inch (1"). Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by Roger Turner under Water Article V Section A delete 5/8" and 3/4" and insert appropriately sized meter (depending on the application) to each consumer and then delete “Where a meter larger than 3/4" is required said meter shall be supplied, installed.”, delete “and”, delete “ed” and delete “at the expense of the consumer.” Under Section Q delete “Remote Reader” and replace it with “Transmitter Satellite” in the title and delete “remote” and replace it with “transmitter”. At the end of Section Q add the sentence “If a discrepancy occurs between the transmitter and the actual meter then the actual meter reading will be used for billing. Under Section S it should read; All water for any purpose shall be drawn from a metered service if available. If necessary to draw water from a non-metered source, an application for a temporary permit shall be filed with the Water Department Office and a charge shall be payable at that time. Said application is subject to review and approval by the Commissioners or their authorized Agent. Under Section T “rendered quarterly” should be deleted and replaced with “will be issued as per the most recently adopted policy of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners.” Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

Drainage regulations will remain in the rules and regulations however will be titled not applicable at this time as the Commission no longer oversees drainage.

Mr. Fasanello would like to see an addition to the regulations requiring that all fire hydrants be the same color. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to require all public and private hydrants should be the Town colors. Any exception would need a special permit from the Sewer & Water Commission. There is no second.

### **INFLOW AND INFILTRATION ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION TO FEE SCHEDULE**

Mr. Mattson says he has spoken with Town Counsel regarding this situation with Mr. Viano challenging the 4 to 1 ratio of inflow and infiltration as our regulations reference “in accordance with the current fee schedule” and the fact that this is not shown in the fee schedule. According to Counsel it is their opinion that this was an administrative oversight and the ratio is well documented in minutes and other sewer and water correspondence. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to correct the administrative oversight and include the 4 to 1 ratio in the fee schedule for inflow and infiltration which means for every gallon put into our sewer system four must be taken out. The cost per gallon is to remain the same. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

### **NSTAR’S VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Mattson says this will be done by mechanical means. It is read and noted.

### **3 WALPOLE PARK SOUTH UNIT #6 SUBSTANCE CERTIFICATION APPLICATION**

Mr. Mattson reports this is a woodworking place that stores all lacquers and similar things in small quantities. His concern would not be what is stored but more how it is stored. Mr. Turner points out

that some of the stored materials are reported in gallons and some in pounds and he is unsure of why the differences. It is asked that a letter go to the Building Inspector and the Board of Health to tell them that all quantities should be in pounds.

#### **WATER TOWER CAPITAL COSTS**

Mr. Fasanello says the Superintendent has raised a good point. If we were to raise the water tower to 135 feet, then this would provide the area with about 50 pounds of pressure and allow us to put antennas on top of the tower. Mr. Turner says it would have to be designed to hold the antennas and Mr. Mattson says it already is. If this is not done the existing tank will need attention within a few years as it was built in 1975, is a steel tank, never recoated, needs internal and external repairs and needs a mixing system. The cost for this is estimated at \$850,000 and it will not change the pressure and it may block the antenna signal. Mr. Turner feels it makes sense to have one high structure and not two. Mr. Mattson says FinCom has voted \$250,000 for the antenna tower and it would be nice if we could use that money towards the tank and make it higher. The cost for the tank project is proposed to be \$2,650,000 which Mr. Mattson says he believes to be high. Mr. Fasanello asks if it is the will of the Board to raise the tank up and make sure it is designed for antennas. Mr. Fettig asks about letting the water out of the steel tank and using it strictly for antennas. There is discussion. Overflow elevations and groundwater elevations at the High Plain Street and Old Post Road sites are discussed. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to raise the new water tank up to 135 feet and put the antennas on the tank instead of building a tower. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 2-0-2, Fettig and Taylor abstain.

#### **WATER MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Mr. Mattson says the policy used in past year has worked well and recommends the dates for this year. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to begin our annual Water Management Policy on Monday, May 6, 2013 until Monday, October 7, 2013. The policy will be exactly as it was last year and will be posted on cable, in the local newspaper and on the Town's website. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

Mr. Fasanello asks if any Commissioners have an interest in being in the Walpole Day Parade and there is no interest.

Mr. Fasanello asks if Town Administration has responded to our last letter with regard to the Town Accountant reviewing water and sewer funds and reporting back to this Board as Town Counsel had recommended and the answer is no. It is asked that a reminder be given to him. Mr. Mattson says he believes the Town Accountant has been asked to perform these duties already.

**Motion Made** by Roger Turner to adjourn. Second by Ken Fettig. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

*Accepted April 22, 2013*