

April 14, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday April 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Facility, 1303 Washington St.

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

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by James Taylor to accept the minutes of March 24, 2014. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reminds of the pictures that he emailed to the Board members of the Union Street leak. He says the bolts on the valve corroded. Mr. Fasanello asks why this happened as they should have been stainless steel. Mr. Mattson says they were and he suspects that it was the backfill they used which was crushed bank with a lot of ash. He says the crew did a great job in the repair. He tells that flushing will start on April 22nd and the Water Management Policy has been advertised to start May 5 through October 6. He speaks of the email he sent the Board with regard to the PCB's on High Plain St. and says he has not yet heard on the remediation from the LSP. Mr. Mattson says he has invited Kevin Trainor of GeoInsight to our May 12th meeting to discuss the 1.4 dioxane. He tells that he met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the articles and says Article 15 has been sent back to the Sewer & Water Commission as there are more important things going on in the Water Department that require addressing first. The Selectmen voted favorably for Articles 7 & 8. He also speaks of the perchlorate monitoring that was missed and explained how it was a miscommunication. He says he turned us into the DEP as soon as he became aware of it. This is a monitoring violation. Mr. Fasanello says it will be on the internet forever and Mr. Mattson replies that this is not necessarily the case. Mr. Taylor says he received 15 calls regarding no water. He says he wants people to be notified by mail what is going on in their area that week. Mr. Mattson says that is impossible. There is discussion. Mr. Mattson says there was a flow test conducted at night on Renmar Ave that, although not expected, caused residents on Granite St. and Lincoln Rd. to lose their water for a few minutes. Mr. Taylor says there were people out of water all night and into the morning. Mr. Mattson disagrees and says at the most it was 1 to 2 minutes. There is further discussion. Mr. Mattson says the risk management people were coming out and Renmar had asked to be squeezed in at the same time and the Town accommodated them at 10:30 at night. The data was confirmed and the job was immediately shut down so there were no people out of water over night.

BOARD OF APPEALS CASE 07-14 REQUEST FOR COMMENTS – 3 LORUSSO RD. VARIANCE

This is for the construction of a garage and the Board agrees that this is not related to sewer and water. Mr. Fasanello would like a letter to be sent to the Board of Appeals stating that this Board has no comments.

DEED AND DEDICATION OF SEWER MAIN/NORTH ST., VIANO – VOTE REQUIRED

Mr. Mattson explains that this is the second section of force main on North St that Mr. Viano is deeding and dedicating to the Town as previously presented. The Town Engineer is asking for a vote of the Board to accept this. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to accept the sewer main on North Street known as North Street Sewer Extension Plan of Land in Walpole, Ma dated January 15, 2014 and prepared by Glossa Engineering, 46 East St., East Walpole, MA Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

Mr. Mattson asks for clarification as to who and who not is subject to the Inflow and Infiltration fees relative to the sewer line that Mr. Viano installed. Mr. Fasanello wonders why this would come up. Mr. Mattson says some of the residents are connecting to the public sewer and questioning if they should be required to pay this. Mr. Fasanello asks why they would think they are not subject to I/I and Mr. Mattson responds that a couple of

the lots were sold without the developer making it known that the I/I was due. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to reaffirm their I/I policy as fees due for a sewer connection. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

7:15 MOOSEHILL RD RESIDENTS RE: BARBERRY HOMES SEWER

Kathy Hinds of Moosehill Rd is speaks and tells the Board she would like to talk about a sewer pump versus gravity sewer. She says hearings with the ZBA will be open from the start on Thursday. Mr. Spillane says we wanted gravity all along but the problem now is we have to wait for the State to make a determination. Ms. Hinds says assuming there is a fighting chance they would need to talk to Siemens. Mr. Mattson says gravity will not work unless they go through Siemens to Hale Road. Mr. Fasanello tells Ms. Hinds that he knows why this Commission wants gravity and asks her why her neighbors want gravity. Ms. Hinds responds that the biggest concern is that this is conservation land and it is a detriment to the environment not to go gravity. There is discussion and Mr. Fasanello throws out the thought that a pump station might be better and Ms. Hinds responds that this could be the case however the Board needs to consider the hassles that they have encountered at the Preserve and since it would be at the lowest point it would be literally feet away from the wetlands and if there were an overflow it would run down to Traphole Brook. If a pump happens she would like the municipal standards required to be applied as they are much tighter. There is discussion on how many residents would benefit and the home values with sewer. Mr. Turner talks about onsite septic. Ms. Hinds asks about oversizing the wet well and Mr. Mattson cautions the idea of oversizing as waste should be recycled as often as possible or it will go septic. He would recommend going in series for protection and an emergency generator fueled by natural gas for backup power. Mr. Fasanello says given the chance the Board will be talking to abutters again. There is further discussion and Mr. Spillane says it is a moot point until we hear from the State. Ms. Bates of Johnson Dr. asks at what point will details for a pump would be provided and Mr. Mattson replies when final application to the DEP and/or Sewer & Water Commission is made. Mr. Snuffer says documentation has been sent to the Board of Appeals recommending gravity. Mr. Mattson says the applicants have asked that over \$282,000 of the charges be dismissed for the affordable units including I/I. Mr. Snuffer advises that the State might try to dissuade the Commission but the Sewer & Water Commission has the powers. Mr. Mattson says a gravity system may encounter capacity issues downstream that would have to be waived. Mr. Snuffer asks that the Board use their powers to require what is best for the Town.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS NOI, 44 BUBBLING BROOK RD., TAYLOR

The Board concurs with the Town Engineer's comments for this subject

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS NOI, 16 APPLETREE LA

The Board concurs with the Town Engineer's comments for this subject.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF CONDITIONS LOT 8 WARREN LA

The Board concurs with the Town Engineer's comments for this subject.

CONCOM RQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF CONDITIONS NORTHRIDGE

The Board concurs with the Town Engineer's comments for this subject.

PLANNING BD REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REVISED PLANS ROCKLAND FCU, 564 MAIN ST

The Board concurs with the Town Engineer's comments for this subject.

PLANNING BD. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REVISED PLANS SANTOS, 1900 MAIN ST

The Board concurs with the Town Engineer's comments for this subject. There is concern expressed with regard to the ramification possible to Cedar Swamp. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to send a letter to the Planning Board stating that this property is adjacent to Cedar Swamp and runoff has the potential of affecting our drinking water. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-1-0 Spillane against.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS NOI REVISIONS, 8 ARLINGTON LA

This is read and noted.

IRRIGATION REQUEST 11ATLANTIC CT., TSE

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to approve this request conditional on all specifications of the Superintendent being met. Second by James Taylor. Vote 3-1-0, Spillane against.

CSX YEARLY OPERATIONAL PLAN NOTIFICATION

This is read and noted.

Mr. Fasanello again asks about the Algonquin gas line that runs through our aquifer and Mr. Mattson says he has attempted to contact them but has not contacted the correct person as Spectra is involved. He will keep on trying.

DEP'S SANITARY SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Mattson explains that this survey is performed every 3 years where they go through every component of the Water Department. He adds that they were quite impressed with the amount of money we spend on our system. The Water Management Act is discussed. Mr. Mattson says the draft regulations have been released and we have until June 10 to provide comment. Mr. Fasanello says professional help is needed for this. There is discussion on hiring Wright Pierce and when comments should be made. Mr. Fasanello says there needs to be lots of questions with Walpole's concerns. Mr. Fasanello asks if we buy water from the MWRA is that on our 65 per capita. He also would like to know how they come up with the 65 per capita number and asks about augmentation for seasonal use. Mr. Mattson informs that 75% of our water goes to residential. There is further discussion and Mr. Mattson suggests that if Barberry homes are built we should require 1 gpf for all toilets.

It is agreed that the rate hearing should be advertised for June 9th.

Mr. Mattson again reminds that GeoInsight will attend our May 12th meeting to talk about the dioxane.

Motion Made by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Accepted June 9, 2014