

**February 23, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Facility, 1303 Washington Street.

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

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Mr. Abbott says that Mr. Mattson mentioned an available State Grant to help pay for Jarvis Farm purchase and he wonders if we have applied for this grant. Mr. Mattson responds he has not yet applied but as long as they meet the criteria they can apply after the fact. Mr. Spillane asks if there are any stipulations and the answer is no. The grant is for \$350,000.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

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

Mr. Mattson reports on the fire at Flamingo Circle and explains what he believes was the problem with the fire hydrant. He says this was a compression type hydrant and it created a water hammer which resulted to damage to 3 of the units blowing filters and/or fire suppression systems. Mr. Abbott asks if the town has any liability and Mr. Mattson responds that all of the system and hydrants are private, so no. He then tells of our latest leak on Thornell Ave. There have been 5 frozen services, one was a pit and resolved and the other 4 were underground, 3 of which are on bypass. Mr. Fasanello asks about the one that is still frozen and Mr. Mattson tells that this is a commercial property and they are currently using buckets. There is discussion on the depth of the frost. Mr. Fettig asks about how the bypasses are run and how the charges are determined which Mr. Mattson explains. Mr. Mattson says 3 hydrants were lost due to snow plow damage and there is discussion on hydrant flags and where they are needed. Mr. Mattson says all else has been relatively quiet.

### **7:15 APPT. ATLANTIC CT. EXTENSION**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is in the Toll Brothers Estates neighborhood and is a 4 lot approved subdivision. He reminds that Board that the main reason he has invited Mr. Stern tonight is to make sure inflow and infiltration is addressed and answer any other questions that the Board may have. Mr. Fasanello asks about the lots have mounds at the lots and Mr. Stern says he will be removing about 6,000 yards of gravel. Mr. Stern then was asked about his plans to address I/I and he says he has contacted Kate Wilson of Weston and Sampson and plans to remove the gallons instead of putting the money up. He has projects that Kate gave him and will remove 4832 gallons. Mr. Mattson asks if he understands this removal work is tied to occupancy, so there will be no occupancy permit issued until the work is satisfactorily completed and Mr. Stern says he understands. Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Stern of his timeframe for building and he responds probably May.

### **TWINS REALTY TRUST, 985-995 OLD POST ROAD**

Comments have been requested by the Conservation Commission for Land Disturbance and Utility Plan and by the Planning Board for Special Permit and Site Plan Review. All information, plans and comments from the Town Engineer are reviewed. There is expressed by Mr. Fasanello regarding the deepness of the sewer, the plowing of snow being left close to the aquifer and the leaching field/drainage near the aquifer. There is also uneasiness over the fact that there are so many properties owned by these same people and snow removal from their other locations should not be disposed of at this site given its location to the Town's aquifer. Discussion is held. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to send a letter to the Boards stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer and to state that only snow from this site should be put in the snow storage areas. Second by William Abbott. Vote 4-1-0, Spillane against.

### **MOURAD, 346 & 348 WASHINGTON STREET**

The Board of Appeals has requested comments for a Special Permit at these addresses. All information is reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to send a letter to the Board of Appeals stating that this Commission concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

### **I/I REMOVAL AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH WESTON AND SAMPSON**

Mr. Mattson explains that the I/I Agreement will be in its 8<sup>th</sup> year and this is for the investigations (flow isolation, groundwater, cameras). Mr. Fasanello asks how much has been found to date and Mr. Mattson responds 680,000 gpd. Mr. Mattson reminds that this agreement was funded at the fall town meeting. The I/I Amendment is to perform rehabilitation work for years 4 through 7. He explains that before adding year 7 it was not cost effective to do this work however now it is worthwhile. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Inflow and Infiltration Agreement and Amendment No. 1 with Weston and Sampson. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

### **HIGH PLAIN ST. SOIL REMEDIATION BID RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Mattson reports his recommendation to TMC Environmental for \$274,940 stands however there is a problem. DEP has given a deadline of April 30 and they are supposed to pull one foot of soil and given the frost they will pull four feet and it will go in the truck and we will pay for it. The Board says ask for an extension and Mr. Mattson responds that this has already been done and DEP is not willing to push it back. He then tells the Board their options. He says they can ignore the deadline and go into non-compliance and get tier classified or voluntarily ask to be tier classified which will give an additional year to remediate. So if we are Tier 1 we get the year and charged \$8,000 or Tier 1D which would cost \$6,800 but only gives us 90 days. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to go with the Tier 1 option. Second by William Abbott. Vote 3-2-0, Fettig and Fasanello against.

### **SANITARY SEWER CONFIRMATION TO MWRA**

This is informational and no action is necessary.

### **SEWER AND WATER ELECTRICAL BID RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Mattson says this is the annual contract and Mr. Fasanello asks who we are using for our electricity. Mr. Mattson responds that it is blended, we use TransCanada for transmission and NSTAR as our supplier. There is discussion and no action is taken.

### **OLMSTED ESTATES DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION DECISION**

This is read and noted.

### **DEP'S DEVELOPMENTS IMPACTING WMA PERMIT**

Mr. Mattson says the Board needs to decide if they want the DEP to tier classify us or what we want to seek for withdrawal. There is discussion. Mr. Mattson says there will be hearings not matter what, outdoor watering will be limited to one day per week. Mr. Fasanello says people have gardens that need to be watered. Mr. Mattson says if we want to request an increase we would be classified as Tier 2. Mr. Fasanello asks what the impact this will have to our revenue and Mr. Mattson responds that it will have a negative impact. He adds that DEP is encouraging rules for private wells. Mr. Mattson says the key is that we need to decide what tier we want to be. There is discussion on the effect on economic growth and the reports we currently have to help determine the number to ask for. Mr. Spillane asks how long it would be let go if we went over our allowed amount and Mr. Mattson says we report our pumpage annually on our statistical report. Mr. Fasanello asks what the disadvantages are to going to Tier 2 and the answer is more paperwork and mitigation. Mr. Abbott asks what we are capable of producing all year per capita, per day and Mr. Mattson answers it is currently 3.39. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to move to Tier 2 on the Water Management Act. Second by Ken Fettig. Mr. Mattson says you have to show projection of demand by a study, you can't just arbitrarily and capriciously select a number. There is further discussion. Vote on the motion 4-1-0, Turner against.

## **FY 16 PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE SHEETS**

Mr. Mattson says these are the projected rates from the Finance Department. Mr. Fasanello asks about the money that was to be taken from our funds for the new police and fire stations and since that article failed he would like to confirm that this money has been returned to our budget. Mr. Mattson says he believes it was but will get confirmation. Mr. Abbott asks what is in our water retained earnings and Mr. Mattson answers \$787,000. Mr. Abbott would like to know what he would feel comfortable with and the answer is one million. Mr. Abbott wonders if we should throw an extra dollar on the rate in an attempt to replenish our retained earnings. Mr. Fasanello speaks about charging the town for use of our equipment during the snow storms to offset indirect costs. There is then discussion on a grant from DEP for the purchase of Jarvis Farm.

## **MWRA FUNDING DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION FOR I/I**

Mr. Mattson says this is informational, the documents were signed today and will be picked up by MWRA tomorrow.

## **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT – 9 LOIS DRIVE**

Mr. Mattson explains that this was a manganese build up and she felt it was due to our opening the hydrants in the area. Mr. Spillane felt they go bad at times. Mr. Fetting left the meeting for a short period. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to deny the request for reimbursement for repairs to the dishwasher. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 4-0-0.

## **PENNEY ENGINEERING ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION FOR PROPOSED ISLAMIC CEMETERY AND COMMENTS PROVIDED FOR REVISED SITE PLAN #3**

Mr. Mattson says he took the liberty of responding on behalf of this Board to the Planning Board who was requesting comments prior to this meeting tonight. He says the scientific data has not been provided, their project proponents won't get back to ours. They will not release the information. Therefore he has recommended that the Town stick hard and fast and give no approval until we are totally satisfied.

Mr. Spillane asks that applications for the Jarvis Farm Committee be posted in the local newspaper. This will be done.

Mr. Mattson reminds that the Finance Committee will meet Thursday at 7:00 to discuss our articles. He says they will ask if our Board has voted our capital improvements. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to endorse the 3 water capital projects: \$200,000 for the West Walpole investigation study and design of Lincoln Road, \$35,000 for upgrade to Booster Station and \$75,000 for the security fencing. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0. The sewer capital projects include \$180,000 for the rehabilitation of the septage facility, \$42,000 to replace vehicle #9 and \$200,000 to look at the old Vollmer Report and do more sewer construction projects unless the Board does not wish to extend the sewer. There is some discussion. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to approve all three sewer capital project items. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-1-0, Fetting against.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to adjourn. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Approved March 9, 2015*