

**January 27, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Facility, 1303 Washington Street.

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

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Mr. Taylor left the meeting for a brief moment.

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to accept the minutes of January 13, 2014. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 4-0-0.

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

Mr. Mattson reports that as stated in his email other than the 12" water main break on Washington Street, things have been relatively quiet. His crew has been working on hydrants as 6 of them have been hit in the past month; one needed repair; the others were quick fixes. He also tells that the owner of the Walpole Park South sewer pump station has turned over the keys to the station, the utilities have been switched over and as of last Wednesday his men have been checking the station. He then speaks of what he refers to the "nightmare on North Street". He has handed out two pages of questions he received from the Town Administrator of which is from an unknown author. He feels if they are looking for an explanation then the author(s) should come forward. Mr. Fasanello asks where the questions originated and Mr. Mattson responds that it came from the Town Administrator who told him that he received it from Mr. Fasanello. Mr. Fasanello says someone dropped it off at his house. Mr. Mattson says he is not in the practice of responding to unknown author(s) and if they wish to make themselves known, he will speak with them. Mr. Fasanello says some of the questions are loaded and in a depositional manor and he is not inclined to offer a response. It sounds to him like it might be sour grapes. Mr. Mattson wonders if it is the trench issue or an underlying issue. There is further discussion and the Board opts not to answer any questions to an unknown author. Mr. Mattson then talks about Mine Brook #3. As previously reported the casing had decay and the screen collapsed. It will cost about \$25,000 for repairs which they can wait until spring or he can use budget money that is in reserve and repair it now. He recommends doing it now before the demand increases. Mr. Fasanello says it is not going to get any cheaper. The Board agrees that the repairs should be done now.

### **CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, NOI MARK SAWYER, 465 NORTH ST.**

It is asked if this property is subject to inflow and infiltration and Mr. Mattson responds that it is because it is part of Mr. Viano's subdivision. Mr. Mattson says Town Counsel has reviewed the contract he had forwarded and made a couple of recommendations to indemnify the Town. Mr. Fasanello says he has another idea which he will talk about during discussion.

### **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION, ANTONIOU, 585 COMMON ST**

Mr. Antoniou has asked the Board for an adjustment to his water/sewer bill due to the fact that he had a leaking boiler. Mr. Mattson says it would be very difficult to determine an amount to adjust as the change in water usage was minimal. All information is reviewed and the Board sees no justification for such an adjustment.

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to send a letter to Mr. Antoniou stating that this Board is denying his request for an adjustment as the water was used and must be paid for per their rules and regulation. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0.

### **BOA REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, SERVATIUS, 2 MIKAYLA'S WAY**

Mr. Mattson says this is a group home that is looking to appeal action taken by the Building Inspector. There is no action required by this Board.

### **BOA REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, RTE 1 REALTY TRUST, LOT 5A, 555 BOSTON PROV. HWY**

Mr. Mattson explains that the construction of this is already approved however the applicant is now looking for a special permit to allow certain establishments at this site. Mr. Fasanello reviews the plans and says he wants to make sure that the separate buildings are connected to the sewer separately. Mr. Mattson says he believe this to be the case but will check with the Town Engineer to make sure.

### **NOTICE OF REMEDY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, J&A CLEANERS**

Mr. Mattson says this is now Conrad's Restaurant and has been an ongoing situation and this is their plan for remediation. No action is required by this Board.

### **PHASE V REMEDY OPERATION STATUS, 750 MAIN ST., MOBIL**

Mr. Mattson reports that this is the Mobil station on Main Street with their continuing remediation of leaking tanks which will probably go on forever. No action is required by this Board.

### **BOA DECISION, HAIR SALON, 422 HIGH PLAIN ST.**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is at the plaza across from the Big Y. We had been previously asked for comments and he sent a reminder that a Toxic Reduction Permit would be required from the MWRA. The correspondence before the Board tonight is the decision by the Board of Appeals and their conditions. No action is required by this Board.

### **WATER/SEWER FUND EXPLANATION FROM MAY 2013**

This correspondence was requested at the previous meeting. It is reviewed and Mr. Spillane asks if we are in good shape now and the answer is yes.

### **GEOINSIGHT RESPONSE ACTION PLAN**

Mr. Mattson says this is the summary of the Immediate Response Action Plan by GeoInsight for the dioxane that is present in Washington #6. He says it was not found in Washington #3, Washington #2 or the surface water. It was however found the treatment plant and he reminds that the treatment plant water is a blended sample. GeoInsight's current remedy is to limit the pumping of Washington #6 which is the Town's largest producing well. He believes that they are proposing this remedy right now in the hopes that the dioxane will eventually disappear which he does not think will. Mr. Fasanello says their idea is that dilution is the solution and that is not satisfactory for him. Mr. Mattson offers the hard copy of the report to anyone who wishes to review it.

### **CAPITAL/ARTICLES FOR SATM WARRANT**

Mr. Mattson explains that the Board needs to officially vote articles that are to be included on the Spring Annual Town Meeting. Article 7 is the standard article for the water operating budget and some capital items funded by retained earnings. If capital is included in this article retained earnings will be used, if money is borrowed a stand-alone article would be needed. Mr. Mattson says the capital included in this article totals \$717,500.00. Allston Drive water main replacement will cost \$137,500; Morningside Drive water main replacement will cost \$275,000 and then \$305,000 for the Duffy Storage Tank. There is another \$54,500 requested in Article 7 which is for the outdated SKADA which needs new software and hardware; and also analyzer equipment. Mr. Fettig asks if any of these items can be done in house and Mr. Mattson responds that this can be discussed at a later date. Mr. Mattson then says a decision needs to be made as to what they wish to do with the existing Old Post Road tank as this will require a stand-alone article. He suggests that the article can be voted and they could decide later to take no action or partial action. The cost to strip, weld the pits and install a mixing system is \$790,000 and this will do nothing for the pressure or the antennas. The alternative is to construct an elevated standpipe, either steel or composite, 135' high and this would solve the antenna and pressure issues. This would cost \$2.4 million. Mr. Spillane asks what our total storage capacity is and Mr. Mattson responds with all combined it is 8.8 mg. Mr. Spillane then confirms that new storage would cost \$1.8 million over the cost to rehab the current tank. Mr. Fasanello adds that rehabilitation will not give us height or pressure. Mr. Spillane then asks the cost to take the old tank down if we decide new and Mr. Mattson says the

others taken down cost \$17,000. Mr. Spillane says he was originally in favor of rehabilitation but now he is liking the idea of new. Mr. Fasanello agrees. There is some discussion. Mr. Fettig does not think the Commission should absorb the cost for the antennas. Mr. Turner promotes the antennas and explains the needs of the entire Town to have good working communications. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to place an article on the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant for a water storage tank on Old Post Road with the stipulation that the Town reimburse the Commission for any extra costs to put up any antennas. Mr. Turner recommends looking at the big picture as he feels a good platform is needed for Town communications and water and sewer would benefit as much as police and fire. Mr. Mattson throws out the possibility of our consultant suggests to save money and still get pressure that the new tank be built in back by Highland Street. Mr. Spillane says his concern is water and questions what would be done with the antennas while the new tank was being built and the other demolished. Mr. Mattson says the same footprint could be used however we would have to demolish the other first. There are too many aspects in the equation. Mr. Spillane feels we need to get something on the warrant; water needs to get to the people. Mr. Mattson suggests putting a generic article for a water storage tank on Old Post Road to get it on the warrant and a decision whether to rehab or go new can be determined later. The Commission thinks this is a good idea. Second on the motion by John Spillane. Vote 4-1-0, Turner against.

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to approve Article 7 for the SATM as presented in the amount of \$772,000 for the O&M budget and capital using retained earnings. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

Mr. Mattson explains Article 8 which he is the standard sewer retained for the O&M budget and to include \$27,000 to replace truck #461 with a Ford F150 as 461 is rotting away. Mr. Taylor questions the need for another vehicle and Mr. Mattson responds that it is not additional, it is a replacement. Mr. Fasanello asks the year and the answer is 2006. Also, Mr. Mattson informs that there is \$15,000 to replace the overhead door at the septage facility. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to approve Article 8 of the SATM as discussed and recommended by the Superintendent tonight. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-1, Taylor against.

Mr. Fasanello informs that he attended the MWRA meeting in Lexington as December was cancelled and he would like to give a summary of what occurred at this meeting. He says the MWRA has named Patrice Murray Legislator of the Year. There is \$1.5 billion planned for new sewer projects and 40% is for the repair of Deer Island.

Mr. Taylor left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Fasanello tells how the deer are being killed due the danger to the aquifer. Mr. Mattson wonders if this is for surface or ground water. Mr. Fasanello says they are eating the vegetation thus causing erosion and runoff. He then tells of the plan to expand the I/I programs with loans and grants. Additionally, there are rebates available for replacing septic tanks. He also tells of the DEP looking at water and sewer enterprise conforming to one type and Mr. Mattson adds that they want to make sure that they are all full cost accounting. Mr. Mattson talks about the allocations they haven't used and this being the reason they have not submitted an application. The projects they have listed would not be cost effective. There is discussion on the I/I contract proposed by the Superintendent and its minor changes by Town Counsel to protect the Town. Mr. Fasanello feels it would be a good idea to integrate the I/I fee with the connection fee. His reason is that if the contractor does not develop the land but rather sells a piece then you now become the developer and responsible for all costs. If the connection fee and I/I fee is integrated then there is no question. Mr. Mattson says it can be part of the capacity fee. As an example he says a 5 bedroom house on Warren Lane would be required to remove 1590 gallons of sewer which can be done for \$4500 by sealing a manhole (also needing to play for a police detail and Weston and Sampson. Where it costs \$3444.00 per bedroom if the money is put up, Mr. Fasanello says they can put up the money and we can return the money not spent once the work is completed. Mr. Mattson says this is an intriguing concept. There is some discussion.

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*Accepted March 10, 2014*