

July 11, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, July 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

Present: John Spillane, Roger Turner, William Abbott and Tom Brown. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water.

Absent: Patrick Fasanello

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

Mr. Mattson reports that since the water management policy was revised the average demand has been 2.8 mgd which is manageable. At one point the demand was at 3.65 mgd. He says the abusers are always the same and they have general disregard of everyone. He tells of the mailing that will be going out this week with the new policy. Most people want to comply and understand the urgency. He says the Willis Treatment Plant lost controls and it took 5 hours for the technician to restore. Mr. Mattson says the groundwater is low however not dangerously low. He tells that the State has issued a drought advisory. He says Monday is when the water main on Alice Ave./Edgewood Ave. water main work will begin. After this is completed they will move to the Lincoln Road area. Mr. Spillane asks about betterments for the portion of Granite Street where Ms. Ferguson has asked for the water main to be extended and Mr. Mattson says this is a Board decision. Mr. Mattson then tells of the cleaning process that is to take place on Harding Road on July 26<sup>th</sup> which is relatively inexpensive. He says if it works well he will do this to other problem streets in town. Mr. Turner asks what the status of Park La. and Mr. Mattson replies that it is scheduled to be paved tomorrow. He says they replaced about 70 feet of main which was corroded from the exterior inward as the bedding was acidic and corrosive. Mr. Mattson then tells Eversource has identified \$70,000 worth of work and will reimburse about \$39,000 which will go towards changing the pumps and drives. Mr. Brown asks about the Jarvis Farm pond and Mr. Mattson says it was treated last Friday and will be tested next Wednesday. Type of aeration is still being investigated.

### **BOYDEN ESTATES WATER AND SEWER**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is the 8 lot subdivision off of Summer St. The subdivision is approved by the Planning Board with the conditions of sewer and water approvals by this Board. He says at a previous meeting this Board neither approved nor disapproved as we were requesting that the water main be looped which Mr. Petrozzi declined to do. Therefore a vote was never taken and the Board now needs to take a vote one way or the other. There is discussion on when the inflow and infiltration needs to be paid. Mr. Abbott asks about the request to loop the water main. Mr. Mattson explains that the developer has filed an appeal with the Planning Board because of the water and sewer conditions that were set. Mr. Petrozzi says other developers were allowed to pay I/I when the building permit was issued and Mr. Mattson says it has been done both ways. Mr. Petrozzi says he should be treated fairly as to when payments are required. There is some discussion and Mr. Mattson says to keep in mind I/I is about gallons not about the money. Mr. Petrozzi says he was made aware of a list of projects and Mr. Spillane says they are harder to come by so Mr. Petrozzi asks then why we were charging if the problem is solved. Mr. Mattson explains that it is not the fact that we have run out of I/I, it is that the ones we still have are not cost effective. Mr. Petrozzi requests that Inflow and Infiltration charges not be assessed until the building permit is applied for. He says the buildout may depend on whether or not a lot sells and that could be years. Mr. Brown asks how the prospective owner would be aware of the charge. Mr. Petrozzi explains that they are provided with a financial sheet itemizing charges and at that time they have the right to opt out of the deal. **Motion Made** by William Abbott for the Boyden Estate Subdivision that I/I obligation is to be fulfilled at the time that application to build is filed. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0. Water for this subdivision is then discussed and Mr. Mattson explains that the issue is that this Board requested loop to Stoney Brook and Mr. Petrozzi is not inclined to do this. There is discussion with regard to this request is for water quality purposes and Mr. Petrozzi says it will not improve his water and there are plenty of dead ends in town. He says this would cost him money and he would cooperate if other requirements could offset

this such as curbing etc. He is not interested in doing this for free. **Motion Made** by Tom Brown to take the request of looping the water main to Stoney Brook off the table. Second by William Abbott. Mr. Abbott asks if this is favorably voted would his issues with the Planning Board be resolved and Mr. Petrozzi says yes. Vote 4-0-0.

**CONCOM REQ. FOR COMMENTS – S&H HOSPITALITY LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT**

Information provided is read and noted.

Mr. Brown suggests that a regulation be established for dead ends for any future looping projects. Mr. Mattson says all regulations need to be reviewed. This will be included in the next agenda.

**CONCOM REQ. FOR COMMENTS – 1675/1701 MAIN ST.**

Information provided is read and noted

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION, 73 ALTON ST., WITH WATER DEPT. BACKUP**

Mr. Mattson reports that this was a case where there was a leak in the basement that went to the sump pump while the homeowners were away and they are asking that the sewer charges be abated as it did not enter our system. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to follow our standard policy and abate the sewer for this account. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0.

**ARTICLE 97**

Mr. Mattson says he is not sure what we can do with the pipe line, Kopelman & Paige will come to one of our meetings to explain things. Mr. Abbott asks about Town Counsel coming to one of our meetings for the open meeting law and the answer is has not been scheduled. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to request Administration have Town Counsel appear before the Sewer & Water Commission to explain the Open Meeting Law to avoid any inadvertent mistakes. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 4-0-0.

**FALL TOWN MEETING OPEN AND CLOSE DATES**

There is discussion on amending the fines for water violations which would require a town meeting vote. This will be put on the next agenda.

Mr. Oremland of 1260 Washington St. would like to speak on the Water Management Policy. Since there are only 2 days out of 7 for watering he wonders why they are not more spread out and it is explained that they do not want any watering on the weekends which is when the highest demand for outside watering is. There is further discussion and Mr. Oremland thanks the Board for their explanations.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to adjourn. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.