

June 22, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

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

All abatements submitted tonight were reviewed and signed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that Eastland Circle sewer main and services are completed other than clean up. Once the pressure test is done it will be available for connection. The Board needs to talk about betterment assessment and what percent contribution the homeowner is to be charged. At town meeting it was 50/50 but that was ten years ago, now it is set at 75/25. He will pull the information and bring it back to the Board. He then says there has been one service leak which was on Carpenter Rd. and was minor. Hydrant maintenance continues. Water quality in the Kitteridge Rd./Granite St./Lincoln Rd. area is still an issue. He still believes a valve is closed somewhere. He had someone come in to do ground penetrating radar and had a trial run done. There is one spot that is suspect and they will poke around to see. They will bring the "leak man back". He does not understand why it doesn't clear after flushing. Mr. Abbott asks if we have listened for valve closure and the answer is yes. Mr. Spillane asks if there is a chance there is a buried valve and Mr. Mattson says he was thinking it was paved over or a broken valve. Mr. Brown asks if the various patches have been looked at and Mr. Mattson says they tried that. They will keep plugging away at this. The residents of Lincoln Rd have said they prefer that we do not flush as it is worse in 3 days. Mr. Mattson says he and Commissioner Spillane met with the consultants for the High Plain Street project. They are removing over 300 tons of contaminated soil that needs to go to New York due to PCB's. The original appropriation was \$500,000 and when done it is expected to be \$175,000 over this. The options are to abandon the project, put up a fence and sign stating the area is restricted due to contamination which he believes is not practical and unfair to the abutters that we told we would clean up or we can look for additional funding. Mr. Brown asks what the restrictions are if it is cleaned up and Mr. Mattson responds that there would be none however there is a lot of underground infrastructure so it would remain under the Sewer & Water's control and maintenance. Mr. Abbott asks how much it would cost to move the infrastructure and sell the property. Mr. Mattson says it would be very expensive as there is a 16" pipe. Mr. Mattson offers the following thought for additional funding. There is a contingency of \$90,000 at the base bid and another supplement is when the new Farinacci tank was built there was a balance of \$60,000 that came from retained earnings. We could work with the Finance Committee and accounting to see if there is a shifting mechanism. Mr. Brown asks if there is any help from the State available and Mr. Mattson says no. There is discussion and Mr. Abbott asks if there were any records of this contamination and Mr. Mattson says not of the PCB's, they knew there was lead. He goes on to explain how the PCB's were discovered. He says we own the site so we are the responsible party and there was never another owner. Mr. Mattson reports that all else is quiet, water demand has been around 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 mgd.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, O'CONNELL, 8 HEATHER LA, RFD

Mr. Mattson explains this is a small force main that involves some wetlands but is purely informational since it involves sewer. No action is taken.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS NEPRWA, RFD, 333 CONEY ST.

The information is reviewed and Mr. Mattson explains that this is Ian Cooke moving rocks etc. in Traphole Brook. No action is necessary by this Board.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS NOI, 305 ELM ST. ALGUR

This is read and noted.

YEAR 4-7 I/I CONSTRUCTION BID RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Mattson explains that this is a division of New England Pipe Cleaning called Heitkamp who we have used in the past with no regrets. He is recommending Contract 15-30, Year 4-7 I/I Construction be awarded to Heitkamp, both base bid and Alternate#1. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent to award the bid of Contract #15-30 to Heitkamp, Inc. of Watertown, Ct. for a base pay of \$668,076,35 and Alternate #1 at \$48,617.50 for a total of \$716,693.85. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0.

SITE PLAN DECISION, 985-995 OLD POST RD., TWINS REALTY TRUST

This information is reviewed and considered read and noted.

SPECIAL PERMIT DECISION, 985-995 OLD POST RD., TWINS REALTY TRUST

This is also read and noted.

SEWER RATE COST COMARISON BY B. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott says he developed this spreadsheet because so much time was spent on the sewer rate at the hearing last meeting. This is a comparison of fy 15 and fy 16 revenues, capital and debt. He says it would be nice to have the before and after and asks that in the future we have the previous year's numbers so we are not spending so much time on the discussion. Mr. Mattson says he will pass the word to finance.

JARVIS FARM COMMITTEE MINUTES AND USE REQUEST

There is discussion on the meeting planned for tomorrow and Mr. Mattson says they need to post their own meeting and agenda, and get their own website. Mr. Abbott says he walked the site and found all types of litter that the Little League should have cleaned up. Mr. Mattson says the police need to make an occasional presence. Mr. Brown suggests a fake video camera. Mr. Spillane says there needs to be a parking sign with an arrow. There is some discussion on liabilities and maintenance. Mr. Mattson says the Water and Sewer Department is becoming a Parks Department. Mr. Brown asks Mr. Mattson what he thinks should be done with the property. Mr. Mattson responds that he would like to see it leased to someone who is experienced in running a camp. One thought he has is the Boyden School camp which is lacking space would be ideal if run properly. Mr. Abbott says he would like to see how much money we can bring in. There is discussion on the uses and the fact that there is no fee schedule in place. Mr. Abbott says the committee should be coming up with a fee schedule. Use proposal from the Council on Aging is discussed. It is agreed that the bathrooms would have to be made handicap accessible. Mr. Mattson says he does not want to incur any more costs before the first payment is even due. He says there is also a requirement that we connect to sewer here which his staff can do however if it requires a pump that is an additional cost. Mr. Spillane says he will speak to Mr. Johnson to see who can incur these costs. Mr. Abbott says he has no objection to allowable uses but he feels that there should be some type of fee. Mr. Brown says the Council on Aging should build the handicap bathrooms if they want to use it. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to allow the Council on Aging use the Jarvis Farm provided it doesn't cost sewer and water any money. Second by William Abbott. Vote 4-0-0. Mr. Brown would also like to clarify Counsel on Aging would be contributing to the maintenance also as he does not want to see stuff built and not maintained.

FY 16 NEW FEE SCHEDULE

It is explained that this is purely informational.

MOOSEHILL RESIDENCES PUMP STATION BY WESTON & SAMPSON

Mr. Mattson says this is Barberry homes sewer layout. Conservation has concern over the location of the sewer pump station and its proximity to the wetlands resource area. He spoke to Jack Wiley of Conservation and suggested that if he is not happy with the location then he should have them move it. The concern is the potential for overflow in the area. In his opinion we should support the Conservation Commission. It is asked that a letter be sent in support of the Conservation Commission with regard to this matter. It will be done.

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Mattson reports that our permit is up for review soon. He says there will be an informational workshop at Malt Sales in Foxboro from 9 to 12. He says Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito have been asked to look at the regulations to see if they can be amended at all. Mr. Mattson explained to Mr. Brown as the new member of the Board what is transpiring regarding the WMA. There is some discussion. He says the DEP is concerned over stream flows and environmental impacts. Our withdrawal allowance could be done but it will cripple any economic development significantly and he has heard there is a proposal for a 116 room hotel on Route 1, Siemen's is talking about doubling their usage and the Country Club is asking for 30 mg /year for watering. This would trigger us into a Tier 2.

Mr. Mattson speaks of the 1,4 dioxane issue. He says he has some refined numbers on pilot testing. One session would be \$300,000 for the pilot and if DEP requires a second pilot that would be \$550,000 and then it would be additional to treat. The pilot is to determine the best technology to treat. Mr. Spillane asks why we would do this. There is discussion and Mr. Mattson advises if the Commission wished to pursue this there needs to be an article for town meeting and it will be intensive and costly. Mr. Turner asks if the numbers are increasing and the answer is no. Mr. Abbott asks about diluting and Mr. Mattson answers that it does not dilute well. Mr. Turner asks if it is coming from any place else and Mr. Mattson responds that we know the source and they have admitted it but since it is not regulated at this time they are not doing anything. Mr. Brown says then we will need to take the legal route. There is some discussion on the responsibility.

Motion Made by William Abbott to adjourn. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Accepted July 27, 2015