

**March 10, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

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

**Motion Made** by James Taylor to accept the minutes of January 27, 2014. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

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

Mr. Mattson reports that they just recently repaired their sixth water main break over the winter which was a circular crack on Washington Street. This occurred on a very frigid day and the crew did the repair in a very admirable fashion. Mr. Fasanello asks if it was a saddle repair and the answer is yes. Mr. Spillane asks the age of the pipe and the answer is it was installed in 1975. Mr. Mattson says this is the coldest year in 11 years. He says his crew is doing miscellaneous tasks such as maintaining tool, equipment and hydrants. There is a pressure issue on Renmar Road for an unknown reason. He believes it may be that a valve is partially closed. The LSP will be at the High Plain Street location when the snow melts. Mr. Fettig asks what is in the shed and he is told booster pumps and telemetering for Old Post Road and this will stay. Mr. Mattson says North Street is being maintained and as soon as the weather clears they will excavate and remedy the problem. He adds that 2 weeks ago the meter was changed at Siemens (our biggest water user) in an attempt to see better numbers. The Mine Brook 3 reline equipment has been shipped to the company and they will start this next week. The CY13 Statistical Report has been submitted and our unaccounted for water is down to 3.8% which is good yet our residential gallon per day per capita is still at 70 which is not so good. The State would like it at 65 which can be achieved if sprinklers are shut off. Finance Committee is meeting on our articles on Thursday at 7:30 in Room 112. Mr. Spillane says Capital Budget is meeting on these articles tomorrow night.

### **PLANNING BOARD REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, KINGSWOOD ESTATES**

Mr. Mattson says this is at the end of Bubbling Brook Rd. and the applicant appeared before us some time ago as they will have Walpole water and Westwood sewer. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to send a letter to the Planning Board stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to the above subject. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0.

### **PB, BOA, AND CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, 564 MAIN ST. ROCKLAND FCU**

There is some discussion on this location. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to send a letter to the Planning Board, Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to the above subject. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

### **7:15 APPT. MR. GRACEFFA, 11 HOOVER RD. SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT**

Mr. Mattson says his department received a call from a resident of Main St. resident stating that water was flowing in their yard and basement. Our foreman investigated and took a sample. It was analyzed for fluoride and determined not to be town water but rather groundwater. As a follow up the foreman listened on the services and the hydrant and found nothing. Later in the evening the police received a call from a resident on Adams Rd. with similar conditions. The foreman responded and explained that he would come back in the morning to collect a sample and investigate. At 6:45 the next morning the foreman went to Adams Rd and took two samples; one from the basement and one from the yard. The test showed it was not town water and therefore it was thought to be a drainage/groundwater problem and they started looking for blocked drains and called dig safe in case there was to be digging. As they started their search a trash truck turned onto Hoover Rd., the road cracked and water surfaced showing town water. There was an 8" line crack which was repaired.

Simultaneously, Mr. Graceffa of 11 Hoover Rd. hired a contractor to install a sump pump in his basement thinking his problem was groundwater as this is a very wet area. Mr. Graceffa would like to be reimbursed for the costs he incurred. Mr. Mattson says he forwarded the claim to the Town's insurance company but has not heard back yet. Mr. Spillane asks if Mr. Graceffa's water was tested and Mr. Mattson answers that he never called us. Mr. Fasanello asks if it is believed that the trash truck generated the leak and Mr. Mattson answers that there was no water surfacing before that. There is some discussion. Mr. Fasanello suggests that it would be wise to wait until the insurance company comes back with a decision and if the claim is refused then Mr. Graceffa can come back to the Board for redress. Mr. Fetting asks if this case is similar to the Italian American and Mr. Mattson says no, theirs was a blockage and it was sewer not water. There is further discussion and Mr. Graceffa says he acted quickly to protect his property and if he had not done this there may have been damage to his furnace, foundation, washer etc. He says once the leak was fixed the pump has not run. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to wait to hear from the insurance company before any decision is made by this Board and if not satisfied leaving the option open for Mr. Graceffa to come back. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 5-0-0. Mr. Mattson says he will contact the claims adjuster to see if there is any decision. Mr. Spillane asks that this be put back on the agenda if there is no response.

### **CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, KEANEY ESTATES**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is a 3 lot subdivision located off of Moosehill Rd. and Conservation Commission is looking for comments on a Land Disturbance Permit. There is discussion and it is considered read and noted.

### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS NOI FOR 6&8 LADY SLIPPER, 35&39 LESTER GRAY, AND HIGH OAKS COURT**

Mr. Mattson explains all of these locations are in the High Oaks subdivision and are for Notice of Intents. No action is needed by this Board and it is considered a read and noted.

### **PROPOSED SEWER EXTENSION PERMIT FOR NEW EXTENSIONS IN TOWN**

Mr. Mattson says this is so that we can track how much inflow and infiltration is required for each subdivision. Mr. Fasanello feels if they are subdividing the property they should pay the inflow and infiltration up front. Mr. Fasanello feels it is a lot of paperwork but if it helps us track he is okay with it. Mr. Mattson says there needs to be a mechanism in place that holds the person subdividing accountable. The Board has no problem with using this form.

### **PROPOSED I/I AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF WALPOLE AND PROPERTY OWNER**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is strictly for the Warren Lane use as it is the only recourse we have. The Board does not have a problem with using this form either.

### **BOA REQUEST FOR COMMENTS C&J REALTY TR. 119 PLEASANT ST.**

It is explained that this is a single family house that the applicant is looking to make it a three family house. There is discussion and considered to be a read and noted.

### **BOA REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CASE #05-14, 759 CEDAR ST.**

This is a request for a special permit and variance for a house addition. It is reviewed and considered read and noted.

### **WRIGHT PIERCE WATER QUALITY REVIEW**

Mr. Mattson explains, although we already know the solution, this document explains the water quality of Morningside Dr., Edgewood Ave., and Field Dr.

### **STORAGE TANK AREA SOIL ASSESSMENT**

Mr. Mattson says this is strictly an FYI for the Board's review.

## **FATM ARTICLE APPROVAL BY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

This is correspondence from the Attorney General's office approving the articles voted at the Fall Annual Town Meeting. No action is required.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REORGANIZATION RESULTS**

No action required

## **SUBSTANCE CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, 19 WALPOLE PARK SOUTH**

It is asked if this is in the aquifer and Mr. Mattson says it is Zone 2. He says they are storing Windex, Clorox, Lysol Toilet Cleaner, Lysol Spray and Formula 409. Mr. Turner says that normal household use was never defined for the Town of Walpole. There is discussion on household quantities and how much is being stored at this site. Mr. Mattson says it is a requirement of all businesses at this site to list all chemicals stored. He adds that this site is a trading card store and they are storing the cleaners to keep the place clean. There is no further discussion.

## **NSTAR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT NOTICE**

Mr. Mattson says this is the yearly operational plan and they are required to notify us. No action is necessary.

## **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Mattson has handed out the back up sheets for the three articles for Spring Town Meeting that the Sewer & Water Commission will be sponsoring. He says Article 7 is the water operations and maintenance budget plus any capital that is being funded for through retained earnings. Article 8 is the sewer operations and maintenance budget plus any capital being funded through retained earnings. Mr. Fasanello would like to confirm that these two articles will not be bonded and Mr. Mattson answers no, they will not. Article 15 is a bonding item and it is regarding either the repair and refurbishment of the existing steel water storage tank on Old Post Road or the replacement of it. Mr. Mattson reviews the various pros and cons as well as cost estimates. **Motion Made** by John Spillane that the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners support Articles 7, 8 and 15 of the Spring Annual Town Meeting. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

Mr. Fasanello says he would like to update the Board regarding his meeting at the Bradley Estates by the MWRA. He first says the MWRA has lots of water and if we needed to augment ours they are making it easier to import. Mr. Mattson adds that the State is also paying 1:1 to do this. Mr. Fasanello adds that there is a new, extra water line being built to Norwood. Mr. Mattson says he has not heard this. Mr. Mattson says our last year's assessment went up 2.8% and this year up 4.6%. Mr. Fasanello adds that the expected increase for towns with both water and sewer is 3.6%. Mr. Mattson reports that the preliminary numbers for debt have been released and it is \$5.7 billion so they are looking for help from the State for I/I and debt. Mr. Fasanello says the notion to make all enterprise funds the same has been delayed.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor to adjourn. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*Accepted March 24, 2014*