

November 10, 2014

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

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

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by Ken Fettig to accept the minutes of September 22, 2014 with the correction that was recommended by Mr. Fasanello. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion Made by Ken Fettig to accept the executive session minutes of September 22, 2014. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion Made by John Spillane to accept the minutes of October 20, 2014. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 3-0-1, Fasanello abstained.

Mr. Fasanello has questions of recently passed Article 19 of the FATM. He wants to know why we needed authorization to borrow if it a loan/grant. Mr. Mattson explains.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson says he has sent emails since we last met to update the Board on the goings on within the department. He says he will be working on capital budget and the O&M budget and asks that if the Board has anything they would like included to let him know. He received Mr. Fasanello's request to add to the budget the extension of the septage facility to allow the larger trucks as the ZBA requires the door to be shut. He says he has talked to the building maintenance department and is waiting to get a quote from them. Mr. Fasanello asks how much extension is needed and Mr. Mattson responds that it is about 6 feet. He says he will hold off on installing the new overhead door that was previously approved until this is done. Mr. Mattson then tells that Morningside Drive is completed and they are moving on to Allston Drive. They will begin the tap on Wednesday and it should only take 3 to 4 days as it is only about 500 feet. He reports that they have been chasing a water quality issue in the area of Kitteridge St., Lincoln Rd., and Granite Street. They were looking for a closed valve and have since found four. Tonight they plan to do what is known as a uni-directional flush which is forcing the water in one direction to force the iron through the system and by changing the dynamics of the flow it will hopefully remedy the problem. Mr. Mattson also says they had one broken water main on South Street and his men did a good repair job. He also reports that Siemens has been in contact with him and asked if they could meet with them as they plan to double their water usage. There is discussion as to how this will affect the Water Management Permit and Mr. Mattson says we can say how a large manufacturer's usage has increased and there is need to consider this however it will require mitigation.

REQUEST FOR LOCAL SEWER EXTENSION PERMIT, 400 OLD POST ROAD

There is discussion and Mr. Mattson says he has reviewed the permit application and feels it is accurate.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to approve and sign the local sewer extension permit application submitted by 400 Old Post LLC for Saboites Way. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0.

REQUEST FOR WATER MAIN EXTENSION ONTO COACH ROAD

Mr. Fodero of 15 Coach Road has written to the Board to inquire about the process to request that a water main be extended onto Coach Road. Mr. Mattson says the Board has the option to seek an appropriation and charge betterments or do nothing. The homeowner could also get enough signatures to put an article on the warrant. Mr. Turner asks if it would be a Water Dept. job and Mr. Mattson responds that it might be too risky in terms of

ledge. There is discussion and it is asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Fodero stating that this Commission will look into this request and is attempting to get a better sense on their options.

7:15 APPT. ANDY GRAHAM, RE: MARHAMA ISLAMIC CEMETERY WITH REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON REVISED PLANS WITH T. ENG. COMMENTS

Mr. Graham says he is representing a group of citizens that have concerns of this cemetery and its long term effects on the drinking water supply. He would like to know what type of science and engineering has been done to show that there would be no long term effects. He does not have a warm and fuzzy feeling and would like an open discussion to find out what the Water and Sewer Department is doing to ensure there are no long term effects. Mr. Spillane says there is not a lot that the Board can do. Mr. Mattson says this Board sent a letter to the Planning Board requesting that the applicant provide scientific data as to how the groundwater moves and any affects it would have to the drinking water supply and to his knowledge it has not been done. They would have had to have hired a geologist and installed monitor wells. He did receive a small report stating they went down 17' and didn't hit water. He reminds that it has been a very dry year. Mr. Mattson says this is on the very fringe of Zone 2 which is the only zone the DEP will rule on other than Zone 1. There is discussion on letters sent to the Planning Board with our requests and the Board feels their letter should be sent again and instead of requests we should make requirements. Mr. Scena of 20 Homeward La speaks of an earlier illicit discharge at Cooks Garage which is next door. He says he spoke to both abutters and there is a report that this particular property was not cleaned up. He feels scientific data that our consultants can look at is needed to put the townspeople at ease. Mr. Fasanello states that all our previous requests should be requirements and the owner of the property should pay for our engineer to review it. Mr. Turner adds that our engineer should be present when the borings are done. There is then discussion on burial methods and whether or not there is any data on long and short term effects of burying without vaults. Mr. Scena says it is very scary that our sole source aquifer may be jeopardized by this site. Mr. Fettig says we should insist on test pits. Mr. Fasanello says we need to give the Planning Board enough concerns so that they do not feel comfortable approving this. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello with regard to Route 1 Map 53, Parcel 34, Site Plan Case No. 14-11 that this Board is requiring that test wells be drilled at this site. The test wells are to be installed with our consultant present to monitor. They should show how the groundwater moves and at what speed. They should also show the historical high groundwater level. All results should be turned over the Sewer & Water Commission and their consultant with copies to the Board of Health. Our consultant is to be paid for by the applicant. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0. There is discussion on who we would use as our consultant. Mr. Graham asks how long the study would take and Mr. Mattson responds that he believes it would be long term as they would have to go through the cycles of the seasons if it is to be done properly. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to the revised plans of this site. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

BD. OF APPEALS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, SPECIAL PERMIT CASE 14-14 SPRING ST.

All information is reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to this subject. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

BD. OF APPEALS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS SPECIAL PERMIT CASE 15-14, 9 FAIRMONT

Plans are reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to this subject. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

PLANNING BD REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REVISED SITE PLAN, 1429 MAIN ST. MARINI

Mr. Mattson would first like to confirm charges for entrance fees. It is agreed that he should receive credit for the existing service and then for condos charge the regular entrance fees and use title 5 for the retail space.

Motion Made by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to this subject. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

BD OF APPEALS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS VARIANCE AMENDMENT 44 BUBBLING BROOK

The Board has no additional comments regarding this matter.

BD OF APPEALS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS VARIANCE 305 ELM STREET

The Board has no comments regarding this matter

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ORDER OF CONDITIONS AMENDMENT 1901 MAIN

The Board has no additional comments with regard to the above subject.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS NOI LOTS 24, 25, 26, 27 AND 28 DAYLILY

All information is reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

PLANNING BD REQUEST FOR COMMENTS OLMSTED ESTATES REFILE

All information is reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS RDA 272 MOOSEHILL RD

This is not in the aquifer and therefore considered a read and noted.

DEED ACCEPTANCE, P&S AGREEMENT AND RIDER A TO P&S – SHARON COUNTRY DAY

Final documents for purchase and sales and deed acceptance for Sharon Country Day Camp purchase by the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners as approved by the Fall Annual Town Meeting are before the Board for a vote and signatures which will then go to the Board of Selectmen for their signatures. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to approve and sign the P&S Agreement and Rider A to the P&S and the Deed Acceptance for the Sharon Country Day Camp. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0.

CLEAN AND RECOAT DUFFY TANK, AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Mattson reports that the bid has been awarded by the Selectmen and that the project will start in May.

FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR RE: INTEREST ON WATER BILLS

This is read and noted.

NORFOLK COUNTY HOME REFUND REQUEST

Mr. Mattson reports that the applicant was charged for I/I in error and this is just a memo requesting that we reimburse the money.

RAVEN’S NEST GREASE PROBLEM

Mr. Mattson explains that there was a sewer back up incident at the Walpole Cooperative Bank which appears to have been due to a grease problem at the Raven’s Nest. The problem has since been resolved.

OUTSTANDING WATER BILL POLICY

Mr. Mattson says this is purely informational to enlighten the Board as to how other towns handle outstanding water bills.

DEP’S NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY, HIGH PLAIN ST

Mr. Mattson explains this is our notification that it is our responsibility to clean up the High Plain Street site.

DISPUTE 23 LAVENDER LA WHELAN WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR’S RESPONSE

It is explained that the homeowner did not receive his bill and was therefore charged interest. He wishes to dispute this. According to the Finance Director the Commission does not have the authority to abate interest. Mr. Fasanello says we do have the authority and the Finance Director should read the Town Charter which states this. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to credit Mr. Whelan’s account for 23 Lavender Lane in the amount totaling the interest charges. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN'S RESIGNATION

The Board is in receipt of Mr. Sullivan's resignation. William Abbott is present at the meeting and is expressing an interest of filling the vacancy. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to request to meet jointly with the Board of Selectmen to vote on the filling of the vacancy as required by the Town Charter. Also to highly recommend that William Abbott be appointed to this vacancy. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 3-1-0, Fasanello against.

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Mattson says he will try to come up with a figure for the budget for professional assistance for the Water Management Permit Application as he feels expert testimony will be necessary.

BARBERRY HOMES

Mr. Mattson informs that is a settlement hearing to be held this Wednesday at 3:15 which he will be unable to attend and suggests that the Chairman attend. Mr. Spillane asks what the purpose of the meeting is and he is told it is the final settlement payment of water and sewer entrance fees as well as inflow and infiltration. Mr. Spillane says he will attend.

INFLOW AND INFILTRATION DISCUSSION

Mr. Mattson says he needs clarification as to who is subject to inflow and infiltration charges. Mr. Fasanello says if the contractor builds the line then he is subject to I/I if it already runs by the house then no I/I is required.

Motion Made by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Accepted November 24, 2014