

November 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street

Present: John Spillane, Patrick Fasanello, William Abbott, Tom Brown and Roger Turner.

The meeting is opened by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by William Abbott to accept the minutes of October 26, 2015 with suggested changes. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that the High Plain Street project is coming to a close. He has asked the contractor to cut out the section of wall that was contaminated and it will be bagged and properly disposed of. They will come back in the spring to loam and seed. Mr. Spillane asks how much of the additional money was used and Mr. Mattson says it was much less than what was appropriated however he does not have the final figure yet. He then reports that the water demand has gone down now that summer is over however the groundwater levels are still low. Also, his crew continues hydrant flushing on dead ends. He adds that well cleaning is underway and Washington Well 4A and Neponset 1 both have holes in the screens and both need pump replacing. Mr. Spillane asks if the screens were stainless steel and the answer is yes. There is discussion and Mr. Mattson says they will use telescoping to replace the screens and the pumps will be either rebuilt or replaced. Mr. Fasanello asks if it will be done in the winter and Mr. Mattson answers that it will be done now. Mr. Brown asks if they run all day and Mr. Mattson says yes, in the summer, later it is about 16 hours per day. Mr. Abbott asks for the cost and Mr. Mattson says \$12,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Abbott asks if the budget will take care of this and the answer is yes. Mr. Mattson reports that the Septage Facility bids are due back December 3rd. It won't fit into the current budget, so they opted for a later date. It is a building project instead of a public works project so it becomes a different bid process. Mr. Mattson is in the process of doing the O&M and Capital Budgets for the next fiscal year if the Board has anything they want to add now is the time. He then speaks of the OPR water storage tank. He previously sent an email with regard to the .5mg tank where he asked the consultant for an updated report. He says it will cost upwards of \$1 million to repair and repaint. Mr. Fasanello asks what the cost is to replace and the answer is \$2.6 million however Mr. Mattson considers the tank useless. Mr. Fasanello disagrees as there is ½ million gallons there to which Mr. Mattson responds that all of it is never used. Mr. Abbott asks about a Texaco system. Mr. Mattson spending money to investigate he would like to know what the Board wants. Mr. Fasanello says he would like to see larger and more aerial. There is discussion on the area i.e. the houses and Mr. Fasanello says the tank was there before the houses. Mr. Mattson says the Board needs to collectively make a decision. Mr. Abbott asks the cost to operate the Texaco Booster and Mr. Mattson says the electric is about \$400 per month and Mr. Abbott asks to confirm that it provides better pressure and the answer is yes. There is an update given on the surveys for the Alice Ave and Lincoln Road areas as well as boring information. Mr. Brown asks if the consultant is still looking for a cause and Mr. Mattson says yes, and the main consultant thinks the water aged too long without an outlet. There is some discussion on the location of the water mains and what may be replaced.

7:15 JIM SEARS, JARVIS FARM COMMITTEE

Town Administrator and Committee member Joe Grant are also present for this meeting. Mr. Sears provides a small packet to all which tells the members of the committee and what has been done to date. He says there have been 9 meetings and being a new committee, Jarvis being new, they started in a learning mode. They have brainstormed potential uses and the neighbors met with them to express their concerns. There have been events

through the Rec Dept. and they have started a usage policy trying to learn from Adams Farm. Discussion items have been the property, inventory of what is there including 30 buildings, the pond and beach. There has been oversight of potential uses and discussion of where to go with these uses. He says the Rec. Dept. is looking to form a Town sponsored day camp. There are State regulatory requirements however he just learned the Town Rec Dept. would be exempt however they cannot use the word "camp". The Rec. Dept. is putting together a proposal. Mr. Sears then says they looked at different variations of public uses, taking into consideration of liability and safety. Mr. Brown asks if any fees have been brought in from the goings on at the farm and Mr. Grant says his obstacle course brought in \$900. There is discussion on money brought in and where it is. Mr. Johnson says it is in a gift account for now. Mr. Brown then inquires about the 3 major tasks on their charge that were supposed to be completed in the first three months. There is discussion on where the charge came from and Mr. Sears says he has not seen the charge however they did complete 2 of the 3 tasks. Mr. Johnson says he wrote the charge using Adams Farm as an example to which both Boards agreed. He says the Board can extend the timeframes or he can re-write whatever the Board would like. Mr. Brown says he is open to an extension provided the Committee comes back to the Board more often. He asks what timeframe is needed as there needs to be proper written guidelines. Mr. Abbott says we should set up a date for a workshop. Mr. Fasanello says he has a big concern with parking; he would like to see a parking plan so there is no contamination to our wells. He would like to see paving with drainage. Mr. Mattson says DEP says we cannot pave (no impervious layer. Mr. Fasanello says he would like to see where this is stated. Mr. Johnson says he and Mr. Mattson can reach out to the DEP for clarification. Mr. Sears says he would have liked to have seen the entry road paved as there was concern from the neighbors with regard to dust. Bathroom conditions and overflow parking are then discussion. Mr. Sears then talks about the cabins. He says they were inspected by our building superintendent. He says the longer they sit the worse they get however there needs to be money for repairs. Mr. Brown says they are an invitation for trouble and asks what they are proposing to do with them. Mr. Sears says they are looking for ideas. Mr. Mattson says the best way to address this is to have the Board of Selectmen declare them as surplus so they can be sold. Mr. Abbott asks if there is any money in this year's budget and Mr. Johnson says there is \$30,000 in the general budget. Mr. Brown asks who drew up the charge as it needs updating. Mr. Johnson says he did and he will make any changes the Board would like. Mr. Fasanello says the committee needs clerical help. Mr. Sears says it is not clerical they need, they are in need of clarifications. Mr. Abbott says we need a joint meeting. Mr. Johnson says a work session can be scheduled and the Board of Selectmen can be invited. More discussion took place and it is agreed to schedule a workshop meeting between the Board of Selectmen, Sewer & Water Commission and the Jarvis Farm Committee on January 4, 2016.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY AT WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB, 233 BAKER STREET

This is taken out of order. Ms. Cardoza, consultant for the Country Club and President of the Country Club Mr. Bousch are present for this agenda item. Ms. Cardoza explains that they have determined that turf quality and other vegetation have deteriorated over the past few years due to salt content in their irrigation water. They have approached the Department of Transportation (DOT) requesting that the areas of Route 1 and Route 95 where they believe to be the cause of their problem be designated as a low or no deicing area. DOT has declined their request. There is discussion on alternative deicing products. Mr. Fasanello explains that we do not oversee drainage anymore and Mr. Mattson says they are not looking for us to do anything, they are planning to put in groundwater wells and just wanted us to be aware of the situation. He says it will not impact us. There is further discussion with regard to concentrations, possible other sources of contamination and Mr. Brown asks if any results would be a DEP violation and the answer is no, as it is not drinking water. Ms. Cardoza says she spoke with Dwayne Levangie and he has asked if we talked to the Town before he would agree to get involved so she is just trying to follow the right steps by coming to this Board to let us know that the next step would be to explore the possibility of installing groundwater wells.

PLANNING BD. REQ. FOR COMMENTS HIGH MEADOWS SUBDIVISION REFILE

All available information is reviewed and discussed. Mr. Fasanello says it looks like another dead end and Mr. Spillane wonders why they cannot tie into Rose Marie La. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to send a letter to the Planning Board stating the applicant should be required to connect the 8" water main to Rose Marie Lane which would eliminate another dead end. With regard to sewer, the applicant must fulfill the local sewer extension permit application process and the Inflow and Infiltration requirements. Also, this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION, 1536 MAIN ST., COBB

In this case the homeowner's granddaughter left the outside hose on and she is requesting abatement on overage of sewer on her bill. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate \$21.14 of sewer as calculated by the Water Department staff. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION, 36 IRVING DR., PHELAN

Ms. Phelan writes to the Board about a water and sewer bill that was very shocking to her and is looking for assistance. It turns out her daughter found the outside spigot on while doing yardwork during August and shut it off but thought nothing of it and never mentioned it. Because the Water Department had determined the excessive usage to be this same time in August, the spigot had to have been on for some time and went unnoticed as it is behind bushes. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate \$240.34 of sewer as calculated by the Water Department staff. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

REQUEST FOR RE-CONSIDERATION, 47 GRISTMILL LA., ROSSETTI

Mr. Brown abstains from this conversation as his name was mentioned in her letter. All information is reviewed and discussed including their letter in 2013 which denied Ms. Rossetti an adjustment to her water/sewer bill. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to deny Ms. Rossetti's request for reconsideration as none of the facts for denying the original request has changed including the fact that it is not the responsibility of this Board to make sure she had the correct information with regard to a second meter. Second by William Abbott. Vote 3-0-2, Brown and Fasanello abstained.

PENALTY CHARGE VOTES

Mr. Fasanello says he is tired of fees and we are not in the business to gouge. Mr. Mattson says we are owed upwards of \$600,000. Mr. Fasanello says we always get our money through liens. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to rescind the Board's previous vote to adopt a penalty charge. Second by Tom Brown. Mr. Johnson says that Town Counsel has told them that the Finance Director can legally charge this fee. Vote 2-3-0, Abbott, Turner and Spillane against.

Mr. Johnson asks if the Board would consider meeting with the Jarvis Farm Committee next week instead of in January. All Board members agree to this. The meeting will be next Monday (November 16) at 7:00 p.m. at the Delaney Water Treatment Plant.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Mr. Abbott says after watching the Board of Selectmen's meeting on October 22 with Spectra Engineers, he became concerned over what he heard. His concerns are the easement lines go through our aquifer and for one thing Washington Well #2 is within 400' of this pipeline. He asks Mr. Mattson if DEP had concerns when the satellite wells were constructed and the answer is no. Mr. Abbott also would like to know if we get notified when they are clearing the land. Mr. Mattson says yes, we get notified with a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) and they are all filed with the Dept. of Agriculture so if we are concerned we should let them know. Mr. Spillane suggests waiting until it is flagged and he is told it is already flagged. Mr. Fasanello says the pipeline has gas and it will not pollute our water however his concern is the soil disturbance. We don't know what a trench would be backfilled with and if they start changing the soil, especially where the chemicals are contained it could bring it to our pumping influence. Mr. Mattson says digging could change the migration pattern. Mr.

Johnson says MA Energy is holding a public hearing on December 16th and we can state our concerns then. Mr. Abbott talks about a gentleman named Frank who should be invited to our meeting as he was very knowledgeable of the project. This way we could be ready for the public hearing. Mr. Johnson knows who Mr. Abbott is talking about. The Board agrees that we should find out if “Frank” can come to our meeting.

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Mattson wanted to make the Board aware that DEP will not be taking action on the Water Management Permit until 2017, it is on hold. Mr. Abbott asks if we know why and Mr. Mattson says he believes that Governor Baker asked administration to look at the regulations.

Motion Made by Roger Turner to adjourn. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Accepted November 23, 2015