

October 26, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

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

All abatements submitted tonight were reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by William Abbott to accept the minutes of September 14, 2015 with the suggested corrections being made. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson gives an update of the Lincoln Road area project. He then speaks of the High Plain Street site cleanup. He says as a point of interest there was some confusion with the wall that is contaminated with PCB's. It is not the active pump station as previously thought but rather the abandoned one. He asked to cut the slab and remove it rather than remediate. His crew saved \$5500 by cutting a section of 12" water pipe and replaced it which captured the final phase of the project other than restoration which will take place in the spring. Mr. Fasanello says the townspeople do not understand the kind of savings by using our own forces. Mr. Spillane asks how far on Lincoln Rd they will go and Mr. Mattson says from Daisy Dr. to West St. There is discussion on the potential for an interconnection with the Town of Norfolk. Mr. Abbott says he had heard that Southwood was going to provide money to Norfolk to put a new well in. Mr. Mattson says Walpole's next well would be Mine Brook 4. Mr. Fasanello asks if we have reached our withdrawal at Mine Brook and the answer is no. Mr. Abbott wonders why the Lincoln Road problem starts where it is and Mr. Mattson says they are still hoping to find a segment in need of replacement. Mr. Mattson says they are also doing hydrant flushing on dead ends. Mr. Abbott asks if Granite St/Kitteridge Rd is one of the longest dead ends that we have and Mr. Mattson answers that it is one of the longer ones. Mr. Mattson would like to stress to the Board that the Lincoln Road project is to address quality issues and will not help with the low pressure on Renmar Rd.

BD. OF APPEALS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, SPECIAL PERMIT, 45 CHANDLER AVE, ADAMS

Information is reviewed and discussed. It is determined that by adding on there is an increase to the impervious coverage which requires the special permit. This Board has no problem with this and it is asked that a letter be sent to the Board of Appeals stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer.

BD. OF APPEALS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, SPECIAL PERMIT, 150 COMMON ST.

Review of the information shows that the applicant is converting an existing 2-story barn to an additional housing unit. There is discussion and this Board is in agreement that it is a separate housing unit and therefore there should be separate utility services for the additional unit. It is asked a letter be sent to the Board of Appeals stating that we require two separate services and that we concur with the comments of the Town Engineer.

PLANNING BD. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, OLMSTEAD ESTATES REQ. FOR MODIFICATION

Mr. Mattson says the modification is going to extend one of the roads (he believes it is Emerald) through to Roscommon. Mr. Spillane says the Town Engineer has suggested in her comments the re-voting of the sewer due to the change of configuration. Mr. Mattson advises the Board to pay special attention to the Town Engineer's comments as they are very detailed. There is discussion on where the water main goes. Mr. Fasanello is concerned that the main in Emerald Way leads to a dead end. Mr. Mattson says no, this main goes to Roscommon and Mr. Fasanello disagrees. There is discussion on easements. It is decided that Mr. Viano should come back to the Board to discuss the modifications proposed to be made.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION, 8 HOLLOWDALE FARM RD., DELAPA

Mr. Mattson explains that apparently Mr. Delapa's daughter left the outside spigot on and flooded his yard. He is looking for relief on the sewer portion of his bill as it went into the ground not the sewer. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate \$302.21 of sewer for 8 Hollowdale Farm Rd. as calculated by the Water Department. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION, 14 NEAL ST., MATTHEWS

Mr. Mattson says this homeowner's landscaper went to his property while he was hospitalized and left the water on full force. He is asking for consideration on the sewer portion of his bill. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate \$44.85 of sewer for 14 Neal St. as calculated by the Water Department. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

PLANNING BD. REQ. FOR COMMENTS, ROSCOMMON REFILE 30-LOT SUBDIVISION

Since this is relative to the Olmstead Estates modification questions that the Board had earlier in this meeting and it is the same applicant it will be addressed at the same time that Mr. Viano comes to discuss Olmstead. This is because it appears there are connections between the two applications and the Board would like better explanations for both.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, NOI DYNAMIC ENERGY OFF NORFOLK ST.

There is a brief discussion on the location of this site and it is considered read and noted.

BID RECOMMENDATION, WELL CLEAN AND REDEVELOP SERVICES

Mr. Fasanello asks how they will be cleaned and Mr. Mattson responds by surge and chemicals. Mr. Mattson says this has already been awarded by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Fasanello feels the Board is being marginalized as the bid is awarded before our recommendation. Mr. Mattson says the Board needs to meet on a more regular basis for this to happen. Mr. Fasanello says they should be able to wait and Mr. Mattson disagrees.

COST PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT WATER MAINS

Mr. Mattson says this is for the Lincoln Road area project which already discussed tonight in his status report.

LATE CHARGE MGL FOR WATER AND SEWER BILLS

The Finance Director is proposing to re-institute the \$35 late charge for water and sewer bills and Mr. Fasanello says he asked for this to be on the agenda as a procedural thing. He feels if she wants to charge interest and late fees, as an employee of the Town and not an official she should be getting permission from us. We decide what people are going to pay for water and sewer. There is discussion and Mr. Brown asks about shutting water off which Mr. Mattson tells the procedure for such. Mr. Abbott says we used to someone to paint the gate box fluorescent to let them know their water may be shut off. Mr. Mattson says this would be an extreme circumstance where someone was being belligerent. There are legitimate reasons why people don't pay. Mr. Fasanello would like to see where the Board voted this late fee and he will stand corrected.

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Mattson says he has not heard much relative to the order to complete this. It appears the process has slowed down. Mr. Fasanello recalls wanting Tier 2 over Tier 1 and Mr. Mattson says it was just Mr. Fasanello. Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Mattson why he prefers 1 over 2 and Mr. Mattson says there is not enough information to justify Tier 2 as you must know the uses that will put you above the baseline and then you need to mitigate and it needs to be a guarantee. Mr. Mattson recommends getting out of the irrigation business. There is

discussion with regard to water being needed for health and safety not for the benefit of lawns. Mr. Mattson says his charge is to make sure there is adequate supply for health and safety.

JARVIS FARM

Motion Made by Tom Brown to have the chairman of the Jarvis Farm Committee come to the November 9th meeting for an update on what they are doing. Second by William Abbott. Mr. Fasanello says he never voted for a committee and if we are going to have one they should be doing work on the parking situation that he has previously expressed concerns over. Mr. Spillane says the Recreation Dept. has been very involved which is not necessarily a bad thing. Mr. Fasanello says the committee is supposed to be advising us. Vote on the motion 4-0-1, Spillane abstained. Mr. Fasanello asks about the gate being open and Mr. Mattson says it is opened every day from 7 to 3. Mr. Fasanello is concerned over the vehicles entering. There is then discussion on the buildings and Mr. Mattson suggests getting the Board of Selectmen declaring them surplus as they are an attractive nuisance. He says they should keep the 3 main buildings and get rid of 26. Mr. Spillane says he is not in a rush to get rid of them as this could still possibly be used as a camp and Mr. Mattson says they are in disrepair and we are paying an insurance premium on something that is not being used.

Motion Made by Roger Turner to adjourn. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved November 9, 2015