

September 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: John Spillane, Tom Brown and Patrick Fasanello. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by John Spillane to accept the minutes of August 8, 2016. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson expresses concern over how low the groundwater levels are. He says average demand was 2.63 mgd, the tanks are recovering however there is no precipitation in the foreseeable future. The Water Management Policy is due to expire on October 3rd however he would recommend modifying the policy to limit or ban lawn irrigation. **Motion Made** by John Spillane not to allow outside watering at all except by handheld. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 3-0-0. Mr. Mattson continues that the Harding Road cleaning was not what he was hoping. Apparently they were too aggressive and the pipe is down to the bare metal. He says the design is done to replace the lines and bids are due back next Wednesday. It is hopeful they will start in October and end in November. Wilson Street can be done in house which will be taken by eminent domain. Mr. Mattson refers to the complaint received from the Barstow Rd. resident and says the water line has been extended and a hydrant added as the services were tapped before the hydrant. He adds there is not a lot of velocity for both streets as they are connected to the old 6" line on High Plain Street. The new plan is to connect to the 12" on the other side of High Plain Street. They are making progress and the people are frustrated that the original plan didn't work. Mr. Brown asks the status of the Granite St./Lincoln Rd. project. Mr. Mattson says the contractor is now focusing on wrapping up the Alice Ave., etc. project and then they will remobilize to Lincoln Rd.

REQUEST FOR SEWER ABATEMENT, 6 EDWARD DR., LALLY

The letter from the resident is read and discussed. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate the sewer charges for this incident as prepared by the Water Dept. staff. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 3-0-0.

BD. OF APPEALS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, 19 WALPOLE PARK SOUTH, SPEC. PMT

Mr. Brown says he read the information provided and it appears to him that chemicals are being handled and stored properly, and there are provisions made for potential emergencies. Mr. Fasanello feels a special permit is being sought which would mean more chemicals in our aquifer area which is the worst place and he is not pleased. Mr. Spillane expresses concerns over the quantities being stored. Mr. Fasanello says he has concern of anything being stored there and as a water commission he is uncomfortable with this. Discussion is held. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to send a letter to the Board of Appeals stating that given the sensitivity of the area there is concern expressed by this Board with regard to the types and quantities of chemicals proposed to be stored. Therefore, this Commission is not in favor of a special permit for this case. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 2-0-1 Brown abstains.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC

Mr. Mattson says this is to analyze for pipeline installation and checking the feasibility of trenchless construction. No action is needed.

PLANNING BD. NOTICE OF FATM ZONING ARTICLES – PUBLIC HEARING

These are the changes to the zoning bylaws and their public hearing notice should anyone wish to attend. No action is needed.

Mr. Spillane tells that the Finance Committee did not vote for the increase in fines for the Water Management Policy. They do not want warnings issued anymore as they feel the policy is a known fact to all. Mr. Mattson adds that the FinCom made some good points. Mr. Spillane says there was concern over enforcement and Mr. Mattson adds they feel if we don't enforce the fines then it doesn't matter what they are. There is discussion on our metering system and the Board is told you can very easily see who is not abiding by the ban. The Board also discusses private wells and any authority we might have.

WATER COMPLAINT, 40 BARSTOW RD., HARRINGTON

Mr. Mattson says he has spoken with Mr. Harrington and explained what the plan is. No action is necessary.

PILOT TESTING OPTIONS FOR DIOXANE REMOVAL

There is discussion on the levels of dioxane and Mr. Fasanello says we need to start moving on this. Mr. Mattson says the Board needs to take a vote on it. Mr. Fasanello says he does not like the idea of his grandchildren drinking water that is potentially harmful. He feels the perpetrator needs to take responsibility. Mr. Mattson says this will not happen because it is an unregulated substance with no maximum contaminant level. Mr. Fasanello says dilution is no solution and it is a potential danger that needs addressing. There is also discussion on the simazine in the water. Mr. Mattson says if you want an article on town meeting to address the dioxane the Board needs to vote it. He says there is an onsite remediation at the contamination site to address the dioxane. Mr. Fasanello says then it should be going down. Mr. Spillane asks what the best way to address this and Mr. Mattson says advanced oxidation. There is further discussion between Mr. Brown and Mr. Fasanello regarding the responsibility and charges to clean up our well.

DRINKING WATER ANALYSIS RESULTS

Mr. Spillane asks about the Simazine and Mr. Mattson says it is the same as it has been and he does not know the point of origin. Mr. Fasanello says it has been with us for a long time and Mr. Mattson says it is found in pesticides. Mr. Fasanello what is to prevent us requiring only mechanical means around our wells and Mr. Mattson says this is how it is mostly done. There is discussion where the simazine might be coming from.

Mr. Mattson presents a request for the Boy Scouts, Troop 32 to use Jarvis Farm for 2 days. They would need access to the bathrooms and running water only. **Motion Made** by to approve this request. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 3-0-0.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to adjourn. Second by John Spillane. Vote 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.