

May 24, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commission was held on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

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

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to accept the minutes of March 22, 2010. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to accept the minutes of April 12, 2010. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

REQUEST FOR BILL ADJUSTMENT – 8C ROBBINS RD.

Mr. Mattson explains that this is 3 condominiums on one meter. Apparently there was a pipe that froze while one of the condo owners was away and it burst, causing severe flooding and damage to her condo. She is seeking a bill adjustment as all of the water used did not go into the sewer. There is discussion and the Board agrees that this is a reasonable request. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to ask the office staff to review this account and abate any excess sewer beyond the normal usage for this account. All water will stand as billed. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

REQUEST FOR BILL ADJUSTMENT – 13 MARGUERITE RD.

Mr. Mattson explains that this is similar to the previous situation however this house was vacant and the homeowners ended up with four feet of water in their house. There is discussion and the Board feels that any water used did not go into the sanitary sewer system since the house was vacant. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate the entire sewer amount for this particular bill since it is obvious that none of it entered the sewer system. All water charges will stand as billed. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

SCHOOL MEADOW BROOK SVOC ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Mr. Fasanello asks if the Superintendent has investigated their idea of GAC's to address the simazene. Mr. Mattson says yes, and the cost would be \$2.5 million dollars, \$400,000 would be for engineering. Mr. Fasanello asks if he investigated a used GAC and the answer is no. Mr. Mattson asks if the Board wants to spend this kind of money for something that is stable and not about the MCL and Mr. Fasanello says he would like to get things rolling as he wants nothing in the water. Mr. Mattson does not believe they should be so quick to spend this kind of money. Mr. Fasanello says he would like to move things along and Mr. Mattson says we need money to move things. He suggests that the Board would have to vote to put an article on the FATM for an appropriation.

Mr. Fasanello says he would like things to start now and Mr. Mattson asks how he intends to pay for it. Mr. Mattson also reminds that the simazene has been stable since 2003. There is discussion on whether or not there should be an article placed on the next warrant for this. Mr. Muti asks if there is pre-work that needs to be done. Mr. Mattson offers to provide them with the cost breakdown he received from Wright Pierce Engineers. Mr. Muti suggests that Mr. Mattson provide the Board members with the cost breakdown tomorrow and the subject should be put on the next agenda. After reviewing the information and discussing it, then the Board can make a determination as to whether or not they want to place an article on the next warrant. The Board will hold off on a vote until that time. Mr. Mattson says he believes that the Board should try to find out where the simazene is coming from.

MASS BAY COMMUTER RAIL 2010 YOP

There is some discussion and Mr. Fasanello wants to make sure we do not pay any bills that are being charged to the Town by any of the commuter rails for lease of land for our water/sewer pipes that go under or over the rails. Mr. Mattson responds that he has not received any such bills since he was told not to pay them but he will let the Board know if they come in.

NATIONAL GRID – 2010 YOP

Mr. Mattson reports that this has already begun and they will be using mechanical means in our sensitive areas.

PLANNING BOARD DECISION – NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

This is read and noted.

AGE REPORT FOR PAST DUE ACCOUNTS AS OF APRIL 16, 2010

Mr. Muti says he is on top of this subject.

CRACKED FUEL TANK AT FIRE STATION

The Board asks if this is a detriment to our water supply and Mr. Mattson says no.

REQUESTS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

There are seven applicants in the Toll Brothers subdivision who are requesting permission to install underground irrigation systems. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to approve irrigation systems for 3 and 7 Dew Drop Way, 5 Anderson Way, 19 Hound Pack Circle, and 37, 40, and 44 Lexington Dr. This approval is contingent upon the applicants adhering to the specifications of the Superintendent. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

CHANGES TO OPEN MEETING LAWS

There is some discussion. The Chairman asks for questions or comments and there are none.

PROPOSED SEWER AND WATER RATES FOR RATE HEARING

The water and sewer rate calculations submitted by the Finance Director are reviewed and discussed. Mr. Muti says that the forms are incomplete and Mr. Mattson answers

that the amount of retained earnings for water to be put towards the rate must be determined before the form can be completed. There is discussion because without the use of some of the retained earnings the rate would go up by 12.01%. The Board is in agreement that they would like to keep the rate increase to about 5%. Mr. Mattson does some quick calculations and tells the Board that the use of \$250,000 of water retained earnings would increase the current rate by approximately 5.1%. The Board asks that he have the Finance Director provide them with new calculations and proposed water rate by using \$250,000 or water retained earnings. Mr. Mattson will do this.

There is then discussion on the indirect charges. It is noted that indirect charges went up. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to direct the Superintendent to contact Town Administrator to find out why indirects are going up if expenses and raises are going down. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

It is determined that the water and sewer rate hearing will be held on June 14, 2010 and it is asked that proper posting be done.

COMMISSIONER FETTIG'S REVIEW OF WESTON AND SAMPSON REPORT

Mr. Fettig explains that he recently reviewed the report by Weston and Sampson with regard to the overlay district and felt the information was very useful. However, he is very unhappy that the first report that was provided in September of 2009. He feels that if the consultants had done the work from the second report in the beginning, then we would not have had to ask for the second report. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to seek reimbursement from Weston and Sampson for the first evaluation for this area of our aquifer protection area which cost approximately \$2800. There is no second. Mr. Fettig states that the applicant offered to pay for the review. Mr. Fasanello says that Mr. Fettig is the one that said that the person who pays is the person who will get the results. Mr. Fettig says he was never the one to say this, he believes it was Mr. Muti who said it. Mr. Muti says he never said this. Mr. Fasanello says Mr. Fettig was the one who demanded that Weston and Sampson do onsite drilling and this cost us \$8000. Mr. Fettig responds that his should have been done originally. Mr. Fasanello answers that the original request was for them to look at the available data. He adds that we humored Mr. Fettig because he wanted more holes drilled. Mr. Fettig says the drilling and or onsite visits should have been done with the original review. He feels we should ask for a refund for the first review. Mr. Spillane feels that we would have lost the case if we had not gone out the second time and it was cheap the first time because we directed them to look at the current information. Mr. Fettig says the client offered to pay and Mr. Spillane answers that he did not want the client to pay. Mr. Fasanello agrees with Mr. Spillane. There is further discussion and Mr. Muti says that since there is no second to the motion there is no need for a vote. Mr. Fettig says any municipal body he has met with has usually seconded a motion out of courtesy, if for no other reason. Mr. Fasanello says he feels Mr. Fettig is taking this personally and Mr. Fettig answers that he is taking it personally. He feels it is a matter of common courtesy and would like to be on record as stating such.

WALSH BROS., ENTRANCE FEE PROTEST

Mr. Mattson reports that this information has been sent to Town Counsel.

ROUTE 1 HERBICIDE TREATMENT

This is before the Conservation Commission and they are on top of it.

Summer schedule is discussed. It is decided that the Board will meet on June 14, July 26 and August 23. This will be posted.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to adjourn. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Accepted June 14, 2010