

June 11, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Facility, 1303 Washington St.

Mr. Turner nominates Kevin Muti for chairman and Mr. Muti respectfully declines.

Mr. Turner nominates Ken Fettig for chairman and Mr. Fettig respectfully declines.

Mr. Taylor nominates Patrick Fasanello for chairman. Mr. Fasanello says he will accept the nomination as long as everyone knows he will be away for a good part of the summer but reachable via phone. Mr. Fettig does not believe this is a good idea. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-1-0, Fettig against.

Mr. Taylor offers to accept the clerk position if nominated. There is discussion. Mr. Fettig nominates James Taylor for clerk. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 5-0-0.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by Ken Fettig to accept the minutes of May 14, 2012. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0.

Mr. Turner says the National Weather Service announced that the drought is officially over. Although rainfall and groundwater is below the appropriate level it is over. Mr. Mattson says it is at 67%.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that the average demand has been 2.3 mgd. He says the State mandated Water Quality Report for 2011 is completed and has gone out to all consumers. His crew has been working mostly on Washington Street relocating hydrants. They also did a drain that was replaced at the culvert on Washington Street. This was a very difficult job and it was very successful. The men should be noted for a job well done. He adds that there is currently a leak on East Street by the soccer field. There is about a 10' crack that the men are working on as we speak. The fire sprinkler job is starting. They must take the ceiling down to gain access to the sprinkler system. The new water tank project will most likely be put on hold until the next construction period due to the length of Planning Board approval. Mr. Muti asks if it will fall in line with the conditions and Mr. Mattson says yes or they will ask for an extension. Mr. Fettig references the Consumer Confidence Report and asks about the definitions of picocuries per liter and million fibers per liter and the fact that they are in the definitions but not in the chart. Mr. Mattson explains that they are standardized definitions and they are not supposed to add data that is more than 5 years old and their date for radioactivity and asbestos is 6 years old so they did not put them in. Mr. Fasanello asks about indirect costs. He says he was told that we are giving the Town in excess of \$1 million for indirects. Mr. Mattson says we give \$1.1 million. Mr. Fasanello asks if all is accounted for, laid out and verified and Mr. Mattson says it is verified by the accounting office however it is not a bad idea of us to review it again. Mr. Fasanello says we were just told of a drainage job that our crew did and we no longer oversee drains. He would like to know if this came off of our indirect charges. Mr. Mattson says this would be considered a work off program, where highway paves our trenches so we do this for them. Mr. Fasanello then speaks of the water tanks on High Plain Street. He would like to know if we could keep the best one for a reserve. Mr. Mattson says it is a possibility. He would keep the .5 mg which is the newest. Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Mattson to get a cost to recoat and repair this tank and he asks the secretary to keep this subject on the agenda.

HIGH OAKS IV SEWER INFLOW BOND

Mr. Mattson says he put this on the agenda. He says Mr. Walsh was required to put up a bond in the amount of \$92,760 to satisfy his Inflow and Infiltration requirements. However there is currently not enough I/I work available to be done to cover this amount. He is suggesting that since Mr. Walsh is in the open cut construction business that we have him do some of the town's sewer improvement projects. The jobs he has in mind are the old Kendall building area which when improvements were done the sewer connection was not done and he therefore needs to pump it every so often. He would like to complete the sewer connection which would cost about \$40,000 and there is sewer work to be done on Stone Street for about \$26,000. Mr. Fasanello says this only \$66,000 and Mr. Mattson replies that he also thinking of June at Washington Street and he does not have a sure cost but he believes it will be about \$15,000. Mr. Fasanello suggests that a motion be made that he can do work that will total \$92,760. Mr. Fettig asks what if he is below or above this amount and Mr. Mattson responds if below we give him another project and if above we say thank you, good bye. **Motion Made** by James Taylor that Walsh Contracting Corp. is allowed to satisfy their inflow and infiltration commitment by doing some of the sewer improvement projects planned by the Water Department and determined by Superintendent Mattson until his obligation of \$92,760.00 is met. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 5-0-0.

#29 SUNNYROCK DR. SEWER CONNECTION

Mr. Mattson explains that this is a single family sewer line connection and the plan shows the sewer line running to a drop that is 8 or 9 feet deep. The contractor has actually suggested going into the manhole. He says he personally likes the manhole idea as he is not a big fan of a stacked chimney. He agrees with the contractor and then it would require either an inside or outside drop if the Board allows it. His preference would be an outside drop. The Board concurs with Mr. Mattson in allowing the sewer line to go into the manhole with an outside drop.

IRRIGATION REQUEST, 69 HOUND PACK CIR.

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to allow the irrigation request at 69 Hound Pack Cir. provided all specifications of the Superintendent are met. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0.

7:15 PUBLIC RATE HEARING

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to open the public hearing. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0. Mr. Mattson says that due to the Boards efforts at Town Meeting the water rate was able to be stabilized. Also based on the reduction in the MWRA sewer, Mr. Mattson recommends voting the sewer and water rates as presented by the Finance Director, Mark Good. Mr. Fettig says he will not be voting as he has not yet been sworn in. Mr. Mattson says it his thought that we should ask the consultant that we previously used to review our fee schedule prior to our FY 14 rate hearing. The Board feels this is a good idea. There is discussion regarding a change to the Board's rules and regulations as it relates to ownership of the meters. Mr. Mattson says that Article V Meters; Section A, Type Meter Furnished by Water Department states that the Water Department will not supply a meter larger than ¾" which is no longer the case. With the new meter program the Board has previously voted to own all meters so the wording needs to be changed. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to make this change to the rules and regulations to reflect that the Town of Walpole will own all meters within the Town. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-1, Fettig abstains. Mr. Fasanello speaks of reducing the fines for the water management policy however none of the Board members agree. Water and sewer rates as presented by Mark Good are reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti for fiscal year 2013 to accept the new water and sewer rates as presented by Mark Good, setting the water rate at \$47.32 per thousand

cubic feet which is a 0.13% rate increase and the sewer rate at \$78.92% which is a -0.58% decrease. All other rates on the fiscal year 2012 fee schedule are to remain the same for FY 13 and all will be effective July 1, 2012. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-1, Fettig abstains.

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to close the public hearing. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-1, Fettig abstains.

WASHER AND TOILET REBATES

Mr. Mattson says we have been giving rebates for \$75 for 1.28 gpf toilets installed and \$100 rebates for washers that have a 6.0 water factor or less. However the cost of these two items has gone down and he is suggesting reducing the toilet rebate to \$25 and the washer rebate to \$50. There is discussion and it is decided to rebate 20% of the cost of the item purchased not to exceed \$75 for a toilet and not to exceed \$100 for a washer. This change will go into effect for all rebate applications received July 1, 2012 or after.

BALI CORP GREASE OBSTRUCTION

Mr. Mattson explains that this letter was sent to Bali Corp after his crew performed preventative maintenance in the area and found an excessive amount of grease. He then requested records of proof of operating procedures for the disposal of grease. Bali Corp sent records however when Mr. Mattson contacted the party who was to have removed the grease he was told that they were hired to only skim the top and not the entire trap. Mr. Mattson says he asked to be notified when the trap is to be cleaned again so he can monitor it as Bali Cop says the entire trap was cleaned.

NEW WATER TANK SITE PLAN DECISION

The decision of the Planning Board is read and noted.

CONTRACT 12-31 CLEAN AND REDEVELOP WELL BID RECOMMENDATION

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent in awarding Contract 12-31 to Denis L. Maher Co., LLC of Ayer, MA not to exceed \$53,710.00. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-1, Fettig abstained.

CONTRACT 12-32 WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL BID RECOMMENDATION

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent in awarding Contract 12-32 to the low bidders for each chemical. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-1. Fettig abstained.

CONTRACT 12-33 TREATMENT PLANT RESIDUAL DISPOSAL BID RECOMMENDATION

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent in awarding Contract 12-33 to New England Waste Service of ME., Inc., dba New England Organics not to exceed \$10,172.00. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-1, Fettig abstained.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REORGANIZATION RESULTS

This correspondence is read and noted.

HUNTER LANE SITE PLAN DECISION

This subdivision decision by the Planning Board is read and noted.

8:00 APPT. RICK MERRIKIN PLIMPTONVILLE AND EAST WALPOLE CLOCK TOWER

Mr. Merrikin says the reason he is here for Plimptonville is because he would like permission to put a dry tap in the street and secondly they are proposing a dead end water line as they have no rights from Allston Dr. and would like to know if this Board would like another hydrant or a blow off. Mr. Fasanello says it is always better to have a hydrant. Mr. Mattson asks the length of the roadway and Mr. Merrikin responds that it is 600 feet and says he will put a hydrant at the end. Mr. Turner says he is disappointed that they are not looping the watermain and Mr. Merrikin says they cannot because of wetlands and no rights on Allston Drive. He also is putting a sewer pipe in an easement and asks how wide the easement should be and he is told 25 feet. Mr. Muti and Mr. Turner say they are both satisfied with this discussion.

Mr. Merrikin moves on to the Clock Tower/Restaurant at the corner of Chestnut and Washington Streets which is owned by Diane Beatty who owns the restaurant at Bristol Square and was the original owner of the restaurant at this location. Mr. Fasanello feels it would be a nice gesture if the applicant contributed to attempting to get the water fountain running that is at this location and Mr. Merrikin says he will investigate the possibility. Mr. Mattson cautions that getting the water is easy; however it would be the drain that is the issue because of the birds using it. Mr. Merrikin says he will look into the possibility.

SUBSTANCE CERTIFICATION APPLICATION 3 WALPOLE PARK SOUTH

There are two documents one is for unit 17 and the other is for unit 7-14. Mr. Mattson says these documents are required to show what chemicals and/or hazardous materials will be stored and used at these sites as required by the Zoning Board and/or the Board of Health. Mr. Fasanello says we are not experts in this type of thing but the 409 cleaner jumps out at him. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to set this information aside for another meeting and see what the Building Inspector has to say about these. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0.

Mr. Moraski of Buckboard Dr. arrived at this time.

IRISH PATRIOTS, SHARON

Mr. Mattson explains what happened with the payment the Board required. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to require this account not be allowed to go over \$1100. Mr. Fasanello says he will call this out of order. Mr. Moraski would like to state that when he was on one of the Boards there was a ruling made that anyone who owed the Town money would have their permit/liquor license in jeopardy and he believes this is still on the books. Mr. Muti says everyone has to enforce the ruling. Mr. Moraski says that in the past Sewer & Water would report to the Board of Selectmen who oversees the liquor license and could relate that the license is in jeopardy. It is explained that this property is in Sharon so we would not be able to control their license however they cannot run their business without water which was why we opted to give a deadline for payment or the water would be shut off. Mr. Mattson explains that this property is one of the last remaining meters that needs replacing and it cannot be coordinated because the plumbing to facilitate the place is under the sewer pump. He is looking for permission from the Board to take whatever action is necessary to force the issue. The Board agrees to support the Superintendent in this matter.

8:30 APPT. MICHAEL VIANO RE: NORTHRIDGE

Mr. Viano presents a plan showing two sewer lines one will be for his subdivision and the other will be for the Town with limited capacity. The Town Engineers comments included a statement that the two lines should be far apart and his Engineer, Mr. Glossa, takes exception to this and will have to speak to Ms. Walker regarding this. Mr. Glossa feels they should be close together for excavating purposes in the future. The private sewer line will have individual pumps for each residence and he is looking for formal approval of this. Mr. Mattson says he thinks it would be better to have the pipes closer together also but would also like magnetic tape used on the top of them for tracking with a pipe locator. Mr. Viano says the pipe installed for the Town would service the 19 homes as marked on his plan. Mr. Moraski says he would like to see that the second sewer line is for the 19 marked homes and not to service some developer that comes in. Mr. Muti says unfortunately it would be first come/first serve. There is discussion on whether or not it could be made deed specific and Mr. Fasanello says once it is dedicated public sewer it would have to be whoever gets there first. There is further discussion and it is questionable if once the plan is stamped it would be viewed that the particular sewer is for these homes. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to consult with Town Counsel as to what the options would be for this second sewer line and does the Commission have the right to reserve the common sewer for which it was designed. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0. Mr. Mattson says this motion should have nothing to do with approving the plan as the pipe will still be there. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to approve the modified plan as presented tonight. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

Summer schedule is discussed. Mr. Fasanello says he will be away for most of the summer, returning at the end of August. The Board decides that they will meet July 23 and August 27 for the summer and only if deemed necessary.

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to adjourn. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Accepted August 27, 2012