

September 24, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

Present: Roger Turner, James Taylor, Patrick Fasanello and Ken Fettig. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water and Scott Gustafson, Asst. Supt. of Sewer and Water.

All abatements submitted tonight are explained by the clerk and signed.

The clerk says he has reviewed the minutes and unless someone has issues he recommends approval. Mr. Fasanello questions the statement under the Baker Hughes subject which reads “Mr. Turner says he has a number of disturbances”, as he does not understand what this means. Mr. Turner says it would be better to say he has a number of concerns. This will be changed in the minutes. Mr. Fasanello then speaks about when Mr. Turner says “this is not the way to conduct a meeting” and subsequently leaves the meeting before it is adjourned. Mr. Fasanello asks if he actually said this and Mr. Turner says yes. Mr. Fasanello asks if he was not happy with the dialogue and Mr. Turner responds that the Chairman should not allow the meeting to get out of hand as it did and Mr. Fasanello asks if he should discipline the Superintendent. Mr. Turner says no, however he would like this section of the minutes to stay as written. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012 with corrections recommended. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that the membranes for the Willis Treatment Plant arrived today, which is one week earlier than expected. They will be installed in the next 2 to 3 weeks. The tank design will be sent to the DEP as soon as the Planning Board signs off on it. The Water Management Policy ends October 6.

PLANNING BOARD REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, 555 BOSTON PROV. HIGHWAY

The plan and all relative information is reviewed and discussed. It is determined that it is not in a watershed area and the sewer goes out the back to Squire Court.

Mr. Gustafson arrived at this time.

Mr. Turner would like have the possibility of looping of the water main investigated. Mr. Fasanello says according to the Town Engineer there are no sewer issues. Mr. Turner feels there should be something about grease traps and he is told that would be with the plumbing inspector. There is then discussion on hydrants. Mr. Taylor would like 4 hydrants but he will take 3. Mr. Mattson says hydrants are up to the Fire Chief. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to send a letter to the Planning Board regarding this subject requesting that the Fire Department investigate the possibility of additional hydrants for the protection of the entire area. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0. Mr. Turner would still like the water looked into also. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner with regard to the above subject to investigate the possibility of looping the water line and find out if there are any easements to Squire Court, either existing or a possibility of obtaining. Second by James Taylor. Vote 3-0-1, Fettig abstains.

ZBA REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, 3 PINNACLE DR. VARIANCE APPLICATION

Mr. Fasanello says he is somewhat confused as to what this is all about. There is discussion and Mr. Turner says that the construction is very close to a sewer easement which may be detrimental to the proximity as it is a proposed location for the foundation. Attention should be given to this issue. There is further discussion. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to support the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, 16 WINDCHIME WAY NOTICE OF INTENT

Discussion is held over the closeness of this address to Cedar Swamp. Mr. Fettig says this is in Zone 3 and much more than 1000 feet from any wells. Mr. Mattson says that the only reason this is before us is because of the roof leaders proposed to be installed. There is discussion and Mr. Mattson says all of West Pine and the side streets are in Cedar Swamp. There is then discussion as to whether or not there is a water line here. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to the above subject. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0. It is asked that this be put on the next agenda so the Board can have the answer as to whether or not there is town water here and how long the line is.

PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING ARTICLE FATM

Mr. Fasanello explains that this zoning change is to accommodate the solar farm. Mr. Taylor asks where it is going and he is told probably at Walpole Industrial Park and across the Street. Mr. Fettig says there is not a specific place. Mr. Taylor feels this should be at the landfill site and asks what it is going to cost the town. Mr. Turner explains that this is a private enterprise which the Town is helping them achieve this by changing the zoning. He asks the Superintendent if he is correct in his explanation. Mr. Mattson says the preliminary groundwork has been laid and it is a totally private establishment. Mr. Fasanello expresses concern over the arrays as these are normally put in flat areas and wonders what effect the arrays would have with our water supply. The other question he would have is what constitutes a large scale. Mr. Fettig says these are good questions and he should plan to attend the hearing and ask them.

CAMERAS AT TREATMENT PLANTS

Mr. Fasanello says he does not see the septage facility on the list. He says he is on the Cable Advisory Committee and the cable companies will help us out because of their need for licenses. There is discussion on the cost of the installations and current locations of cameras. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to get a list of all active camera locations at this time. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0. Mr. Fasanello says the one at the septage facility is slightly different as it needs to be able to read the license plates. Mr. Mattson says this is a private independent security firm that has nothing to do with cable. Mr. Fasanello disagrees and says the correspondence before us says the cameras are to be connected to a PoE network switch via the IT person.

OLD POST ROAD TANK INSPECTION REPORT AND EVALUATION

Mr. Fasanello says in reading the inspection report it seems the tank is working now but it is questionable for how long. There are a bunch of alternatives listed with prices and he says it would be a good idea to keep this in the files. Mr. Mattson says if the Board wants to do something he will put it in the capital budget. He is in the process of getting an estimate for constructing a new tank and then the Board can make a decision on what they want to do. Mr. Fasanello says in reading the report it appears the cheapest route is to put in a pump. He suggests that all members look at the report.

LEAD AND COPPER REVIEW SUMMARY SHEET BY DEP

Mr. Mattson explains that this is the status of our latest lead and copper testing and because of the good results we do not have to perform these tests again until 2015.

ARTICLE 2 FATM

Mr. Fasanello says this article increases the funding for the tank by almost \$¼ million. He would have liked to have seen a breakdown which Mr. Mattson hands out at this time. Mr. Turner says he would like to request that the Commission consider re-voting to support the article as he feels it would look very funny to lose the tank project because the Sewer & Water Commission cannot make a decision. Mr. Fasanello says the reason that it did not pass at last meeting was because the Board did not have a breakdown and because Mr. Turner walked out of the meeting. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to revote the article so the Town will know that we are in back of our own project. Second by Ken Fettig. Mr. Fasanello asks how the breakdown arrived at and Mr. Fettig says he assumes the Superintendent asked for details. Mr. Mattson says the break down came from the design engineers. Mr. Fasanello says the article is for \$225,000 and the break down is only \$185,000, so we are asking for more than we need. Also he says all the numbers in the breakdown are even numbers and finds it hard to trust that the numbers are correct and real. Mr. Turner says when dealing with so many unknowns we use what is in line with other budgets. Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Turner how he knows this and Mr. Turner answers that he has seen it before, these are estimates. Mr. Fasanello asks if we should amend the \$225,000 in the article and Mr. Turner says he would like to see it stay as is. Mr. Mattson explains that the \$225,000 is a preliminary estimate that was done to meet the required deadline for the article and the \$185,000 is a minimal amount. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to vote to revote Article 2 in support of the \$225,000. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 2-2, Fasanello and Taylor against. There is further discussion. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to defer action to Town Meeting. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 3-0-1, Taylor abstains.

STATUS OF CRANE

Mr. Taylor says that Mr. Mattson told him the crane is fixed. Mr. Mattson says he never said that it is fixed; he said it is up at the shop being repaired.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Board is told that there was a typo on the agenda and the Committee will be coming to our meeting on 10/22 not 1//22. Being a member of Economic Development, Mr. Fettig explains they received a grant and there were 3 committees formed; Route 1A, Downtown and Route 1. They plan to come to the Sewer & Water Commission to report what they found with regard to Route 1A and to recommend running water and sewer to the Industrial park.

INDIRECT COSTS

This will be left on the agenda

Mr. Fasanello says he went to the MWRA meeting at the Water Works Museum in Chestnut Hill. He gives the history of it and tells of what a beautiful building. The discussion at this meeting was related to the amount of our sewer cost that is interest payment. He then says he was approached by Mr. Hornbrook at this meeting who was asking the status of our septage facility. Mr. Mattson says we still need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeal as it is still restricted to Walpole only or an interim agreement such as what Boston had. There is discussion on an unmanned station with a locking mechanism,

putting a slip in a lock box, each hauler having their own code to get in and a camera that can read the plates. Mr. Fettig asks about the rates being so low. Mr. Turner says with the cost of fuel he wonders if it is cost effective for them to go all the way to Taunton. Mr. Fasanello says we check the loads and he asked up front and he was told we don't have to check the loads. He used the argument that we need a level playing field. Mr. Turner says he would like to see what we had to do versus what we don't have to do. Mr. Fasanello says there is an email that states this.

Mr. Fettig tells of his tour of the Cambridge Water Treatment Plant and the interesting fact of the pumping route from the reservoir to Belmont to distribute and they have a full lab. He says it is a beautiful facility. Mr. Turner asks how the water rates compare and Mr. Fettig answers that he does not know. He adds that their summer usage is 13 mgd. Mr. Mattson says their station is manned 24/7. There is further discussion and Mr. Fettig says it appears that the sky is the limit at this plant.

Motion Made by Ken Fettig to adjourn. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Accepted October 22, 2012