



*Town of Walpole  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners*

*John Hasenjaeger, Chair  
Pradeep Mishra, Clerk  
William Abbott, Member  
Patrick Fasanello, Member  
Jeffrey Fisher, Member*

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 26, 2022**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Finance Committee Room  
Town Hall-135 School Street**

**This meeting was taped and will be available on Walpole Media's YouTube Channel**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, September 26, 2022 at Town Hall, 135 School Street, Finance Committee Room. The meeting is called to order by Board Chair John Hasenjaeger at 6:30 p.m.

Present at the Meeting:

**Sewer and Water Commissioners:**

John Hasenjaeger, William Abbott, Patrick Fasanello, Pradeep Mishra and Jeffrey Fisher

**Other Participants:**

Scott Gustafson, Sewer & Water Superintendent, Stephen Nunnery, Assistant Sewer & Water Superintendent, Rick Mattson, Director of DPW, Walter LaCivita, Jr. and Derek Raynard, Executive Board Secretary

**Abatelements:** (to be delivered for vote)

***Motion made*** by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Mishra to approve Abatelements.

***3-1-0 (YES VOTE)***

***Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-No Pradeep Mishra- Yes***

**Superintendents Status Report:**

Mr. Gustafson reports that we had a minor service leak on North Street Circle. Thursday 9/29 we will have bid opening for the Morningside Drive Sewer Station rehabilitation. The Phase 2 SCADA upgrade pace has picked up. Remote equipment of one of the well sites has been installed, and the other sites have all the panels constructed and ready to install. ZBA voted favorable action for the board to be allowed to change the hours for the Septic facility within the normal business hours of Monday to Friday 7am-330pm.

**Correspondence:**

1. Email from 658 High Street regarding sewer extension.

Discussion had regarding conversation Mr. Abbott had with resident back in April. He has adjusted the rates he provided for the similar extension for Hitching Post area, to reflect what they would be for this area. Mr. Abbott will follow up with resident to confirm multiple residents are interested before a survey is mailed out.

## **Discussion**

### **1. Update on Washington Terrace info. Sewer stub for entry request.**

Mr. LaCivita is present for discussion regarding adding a Sewer stub for connection to 3 addresses at Washington Terrace. Mr. Gustafson, following up from prior meeting request, reports that if contracted out, he received a rate of \$30,000, and if done in hours by the Town of Walpole, it would be roughly 1/3 of that or \$10,000. Resident presented plans. It would require 3 individual pumps for the addresses. Discussion is had regarding who should be responsible for the work and how much would be paid. Resident provided note signed by one of the other two residents.

**Motion made** by Mr. Hasenjaeger **Seconded** by Mr. Fisher to extend sewer to Washington Terrace under traditional model based on placement of stub as far back as the gravity will go, and including three Betterments.

**5-0-0 (YES VOTE)**

**Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes Pradeep Mishra- Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes**

### **2. Update on MWRA from prior discussion via conference call.**

Discussion had regarding the MWRA board voting to waive entry fees extending through 2027 and intent to apply for membership to the MWRA. The conditions for membership as stated by the MWRA are met by the Town of Walpole. Mr. Hasenjaeger gives background for the record of the history of the interest in the MWRA. Where the entrance fee has been an issue in the past, now that it has been waived, the board looks to present the membership opportunity at Town Meeting. Discussion is had as to what the next step would need to be. Discussion is had regarding Town of Ashland and Town of Burlington having used consultants at some stage of their own applications, and whether or not that would be needed here. Mr. Abbott states we should notify MWRA to let them know we are interested and ask for what they suggest. Mr. Mattson discusses construction of connection options.

**Motion made** by Mr. Abbott **Seconded** by Mr. Fasanello to pursue an application for supplemental water from the MWRA.

**5-0-0 (YES VOTE)**

**Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes Pradeep Mishra- Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes**

**Motion made** by Mr. Hasenjaeger **Seconded** by Mr. Fasanello to authorize staff to attain proposals from consultants in anticipation of favorable action for application invitation.

**5-0-0 (YES VOTE)**

**Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes Pradeep Mishra- Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes**

### **3. Jarvis Farm Parking Lot**

Mr. Mattson reports no change since last meeting, due to waiting for final determination of what is going to be done with the property. Discussion had regarding cabins in disrepair and that they could be declared surplus so that they could be sold off if unneeded.

### **4. Meter to Cash**

Mr. Pradeep receives confirmation that address for payment has been changed. Mr. Gustafson will provide details for next meeting on any delays.

#### 5. Robins Road Septage Facility Operating Hours

Discussion had regarding the hours of operations for the Septage facility. Current hours are 8am-2:30pm but can be changed within town hours, which are 7am-3:30pm. Time frame is adaptable but must be within town hours. No vote taken but board has flexibility now to adjust hours as needed within the 7-330 time frame.

#### **Old Business**

##### 1. Draft Email and Exhibit A for Hitching Post sewer extension.

Mr. Hasenjaeger gives breakdown of what was added to the letter and the addition of Exhibit A attachment going out to the affected. Board agrees response date should be changed to end of October. Discussion is had regarding to the earlier discussed 658 High Street in regards to sending a similar letter to those affected residences. Mr. Abbott will confirm before we do so.

***Motion made*** by Mr. Fasanello to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. ***Seconded by*** Mr. Fisher

Date Meeting Minutes Approved With Said Changes ***October 24, 2022***