



*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, November 21, 2022

6:30 P.M.

1303 Washington Street
E.J. Delaney Treatment Plant

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, November 21, 2022 at the E.J. Delaney Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street. 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, Jeffrey Fisher, Pradeep Mishra

Other Participants:

Scott Gustafson, Sewer and Water Superintendent, Stephen Nunnery, Sewer and Water Assistant Superintendent

Stefan Frey, Owner of Car Wash at 757 Main Street

Abatelements: (to be delivered for vote)

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Mishra to approve the abatements.

Vote 4-0-1

Superintendents Status Report:

Mr. Gustafson updates the Board on winterizing Jarvis Farm, Adams Farm and the cemeteries, water replacement program, Pilgrim Way – pressure tested and disinfected and samples were collected and sent to lab. Minor service leak on Barbara Drive and water main break around corner on South St near Tufts – it was an 8” crack and was taken care of quickly. Washington 6 – generator is scheduled to start up on December 7th as well as training. Old Post Road generator is scheduled for December 16th. The Phase 2 SCADA project continues as well as Eleanor Road sewer rehabilitation is 97% complete – waiting on a component for the control cabinet. Question was brought up about permitting, about whether the permits were issued by the Inspectors office without Board being able to see them. Board gets to see everything. Mr. Hasenjaeger questions what status of June St. Notice was given to the residents when work will start up.

Appointments:

6:35 p.m. Stefan Frey-Owner of Car Wash-757 Main Street-Rate Discussion

Mr. Frey asks for assistance with the bill for end of FY2022, also request to reduce the rate they are charged on an ongoing basis.

Mr. Hasenjaeger suggests he speaks to the Economic Development Director, Patrick Deschenes to discuss any possible relief availability – possibly left over Covid money. Discussion was had regarding the rate charged and the percentage - it has gone up. Mr. Hasenjaeger questions regarding the usage of 2mil cubic feet along with car wash near Walmart versus the new Rojo on Rte 1 using 2,000 cubic feet.

Is there a problem with the reclaim system? Mr. Hasenjaeger suggests possibility of putting in a well. Mr. Frey understands the bill needs to be paid and wants to honor paying it in full. He asks if there is some way of waiving the interest. Mr. Abbott suggests that he talk with the Collector's Office and check into other avenues of mitigation. Also, suggests speaking to other business owners in the area as to what they've done. Mr. Frey indicates that for the longevity of business he will need to check into a well/get off town water.

6:45 p.m. Rob Traux-Presenting Northwood Estate Updated Plans

Mr. Traux explains plans for water line up from dead end to end of property line over to connect with Indian Lane. From Dover Drive take the water line up through and create an easement to bring up water line to High Street. The sewer line will be brought the same, through the cul-de-sac, through the easement to High St. Mr. Traux gave a profile to Engineering Dept. that the sewer can be extended all the way to Birch by gravity. Mr. Traux asks about the voting. Mr. Abbott explains that the Planning Board usually sends a list to the other committees and then the committees respond.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded by** Mr. Fisher to send a letter to the Planning Board regarding Northwood Estate that the engineer has appeared before the Board and the Board is satisfied with how the sewer and water systems are being laid out.

Vote 5-0-0

Policy Review:

99 Moosehill Road –Sewer Abatement Request

Potential abatement of \$197.48.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded by** Mr. Fisher to approve the abatement.

Vote 5-0-0

Correspondence:

1. Memo from William Abbott dated 11/2/22 re: FY23 Revenue Numbers
Read and noted.

2. Memo from William Abbott dated 11/2/22 re: Water Production Report
Read and noted.

3. Memo from William Abbott dated 11/3/22 re: Supplementing Our Water Supply-Need for
Outside Consultant

Read and discussion had regarding MWRA liaison, Katherine Ronan who works under Rebecca Weldman. Ms. Ronan suggests a Webex meeting Nov. 30th at 10:00am

Motion made by Mr. Hasenjaeger **Seconded by** Mr. Abbott to have special posted meeting with Katherine Ronan on Nov. 30th at 10:00am.

Further discussion on the discrepancy of the time.

Motion made by Mr. Hasenjaeger **Seconded by** Mr. Abbott to have special posted meeting with Katherine Ronan on a time to be determined.

Vote 5-0-0

Further discussion was had regarding MWRA and water supply.

4. Memo from William Abbott dated 11/9/22 re: Septage Data-January, 2022-May, 2022
Read and noted.

5. Letter from Richard Mattson, DPW Director to MWRA dated November 16, 2022
Mr. Abbott asks that Mr. Gustafson ask Mr. Mattson send another letter to MWRA with cc's to any MWRA people.

Discussion:

1. Jarvis Farm Update

Mr. Fasanello inquires with Mr. Gustafson if he's seen any plans or proposed plans with regard to the parking lot. Mr. Gustafson responds that he has not seen any proposal since last meeting. Mr. Fasanello requests a copy of said proposal.

2. Meter to Cash Report

Mr. Gustafson states that everything is on time. Mr. Abbott and Mr. Gustafson commends the office staff in doing a great job in doing the billing. Mr. Mishra discusses that system is outdated.

3. Watersmart/Dropcountr

Read and noted. Mr. Gustafson to get an updated Dropcountr quote and request a test account.

Old Business:

Mr. Fasanello brings up status of secretary. Item is not on the Agenda. An ad will be put out again for a secretary.

1. Boston Providence Highway-High Plain Street area plans from Wluka Real Estate

Discussion had with regard to previous meeting that the Board was against providing water to Wluka for the project/building that is actually in the Town of Sharon. There is no benefit to the Town of Walpole.

2. 502 North Street-Billing History

Mr. Gustafson provided the billing history. Discussion had between Mr. Abbott and Mr. Fasanello regarding putting in a water or sewer meter. Mr. Fisher suggests at next rate hearing to set a fixed rate. A Motion was made by Mr. Fasanello to develop a flat rate fee. Motion was not seconded. Mr. Gustafson states that we do not know how much water was used outside of going with past numbers. Mr. Hasenjaeger responds seen and noted.

3. Survey Results Hitching Post/Clarkson area

Fourteen people have responded that are interested. Mr. Abbott suggests the answer is no.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded by** Mr. Hasenjaeger to send a letter that they sent survey to that they got the results back and a small % said yes, the either didn't respond or said no and based on that information, they are not going to go forward with it.

Vote 5-0-0

4. High Street/Ridge Road area sewer connection letter

Discussion had to establish a date in 2023 and include in the letter to invite residents.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded** by Mr. Hasenjaeger to adjourn at 7:30pm

DATE MEETING MINUTES ACCEPTED: May 8, 2023