



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, March 27, 2023

6:30 P.M.

1303 Washington Street
EJ Delaney Water 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, March 27, 2023 at the EJ Delaney Water 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

Other Participants:

Scott Gustafson, Sewer and Water Superintendent, Rick Mattson, Director of Public Works, Stephen Nunnery, Sewer and Water Asst. Supt., Mary Timilty, Sr. Staff Asst., Water & Sewer Dept., Lisa Sinkus, Treasurer/Collector

Policy Agenda:

Process for Abatement Signoffs

Representative from the Department addressed the Board regarding updating the process for abatements.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded** by Mr. Fisher to approve bill adjustments due to Board policies – washer/toilet rebates, rink/pool fills, sewer abatements and bill adjustments due to system errors/faulty transmitters, meter change-outs, estimation errors – all handled internally by the Water Department.

4-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

Further discussion had with regard to sewer abatement resident requests and how the Commission will handle.

Mr. Hasenjaeger discusses Mr. Mishra's recommendations on monthly billing. Mr. Mattson argues that the monthly billing is not practical.

Superintendents Status Report:

No service leaks, no freeze-ups. Hydrant on Fisher St is repaired. Work on Rhoades Ave continues.

Abatements:

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded** by Mr. Fisher to accept abatements.

3-0-1 (YES VOTE)

Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Abstain

Correspondence:

1. 3/17/23 – B. Abbott email – EPA National Drinking Water Standard for PFAS

Mr. Abbott discusses the EPA drinking water standard. Could affect our possibility of getting MWRA water. Mr. Fisher suggests that a representative from the Commission be a part of the next meeting and recommends Mr. Abbott.

Motion made by Mr. Hasenjaeger **Seconded** by Mr. Fisher to have Mr. Abbott attend next PFAS meeting.

4-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

2. Request for Abatements

- a. 79 Edgewood Ave
- b. 7 Lady Slipper Drive
- c. 1 Marguerite Road

Motion made by Mr. Hasenjaeger **Seconded** by both Mr. Fasanello and Mr. Fisher to approve abatements.

4-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

Old Business:

1. MWRA Connection

2. 3/22/23 J. Fisher email – Jarvis Farm Parking Lot

Mr. Fisher discusses that the Rec department is looking at a long term plan for the Farm. With regard to the parking lot, he doesn't believe as a Board, they should be pursuing it.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded** by both Mr. Fisher to have the Board write a letter in support of the Grant.

4-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

3. Jarvis Farm

Discussion regarding parking at Jarvis and protecting the aquifer.

4. North Walpole Sewer Connection

Mr. Hasenjaeger discusses the meeting with the majority of residents not being interested and some of their concerns.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded** by Mr. Fisher to send a letter to residents that they are not pursuing the sewer connection.

4-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

Discussion:

1. Meter to Cash Report
2. Monthly Billing

Motion made by Mr. Abbott **Seconded** by Mr. Hasenjaeger to adjourn at 7:34pm

Date Meeting Minutes Accepted: June 12, 2023