



*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, August 21, 2023

6:30 P.M.

**Finance Committee Meeting Room
Walpole Town Hall, 135 School Street**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Finance Committee Meeting Room, Walpole Town Hall, 135 School 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, Patrick Fasanello, William Abbott, Pradeep Mishra and Jeffrey Fisher

Other Participants:

Scott Gustafson, Sewer and Water Superintendent, Stephen Nunnery, Asst. Sewer and Water Superintendent

Superintendents Status Report:

Mr. Gustafson discusses that there have been no water leaks. Waste basin project at Delaney inspection by MassDEP was done on August 10th and there were no issues. Mr. Gustafson supplies the Board with MassDEP's formal approval. Raw water line cleaning project has been put out to bid. Opening date set for Sept. 6th. Samples collected for UCMR 5. Further discussion on PFAS compounds. Capital Budget for Sewer & Water Department is coming up on the 30th at 6:00pm in Finance Committee Meeting Room.

Comment Requests:

1. Memo from Planning Board re: 2023 Fall Town Meeting Zoning Articles

Mr. Abbott points out that nothing in this memo discusses sewer & water.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Hasenjaeger to respond to the Planning Board that they have no comment.

5-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

2. Memo from Planning Board re: 104 Main St Site Plan Approval, Case No. 23-05

Addresses parking issue at Cedar House. Want to expand parking lot.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Hasenjaeger to send a note to the Planning Board that they have no comment.

5-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

Correspondence:

1. Memo from Jim Johnson re: S&W Fall Town Meeting Articles & Capital

Mr. Mishra questions SCADA. Mr. Gustafson explains background of SCADA. Also questions the F150 use – is it used by both water & sewer? It is. Mr. Mishra further questions why the retained earnings are being used for the equipment.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott *Seconded* by Jeffrey Fisher to accept the proposed Capital Budget Plan as outlined in Memo for this current fiscal year.

4-1-0 (YES VOTE)

Roll call John Hasenjaeger-Yes, William Abbott-Yes, Jeffrey Fisher-Yes, Patrick Fasanello-Yes, Pradeep Mishra-No.

Discussion (Taken Out of Order)

1. Email from Bill Abbott re: FY24 Revenue numbers

Read and Noted.

Appointments:

7:00 – Weston & Sampson Representative, Leah Stanton (Virtually)

Ms. Stanton explains that W&S executed a contract with Stantec (3 month, 12 week contract), executed July 18th. Supposed to be doing flow testing. Scott unaware of them doing any flow testing. There is a meeting with the MWRA on August 29th at 2:30pm. Need to hone in on which of the 2 sites to use. Next step is design plans to get permitting.

Mr. Hasenjaeger offers that both he and Mr. Abbott will make themselves available for the August 29th phone meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Fasanello *Seconded* by Mr. Mishra that Mr. Hasenjaeger be the representative going forward for meetings between W&S and MWRA.

5-0-0 (YES VOTE)

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

Correspondence (Taken Out of Order)

1. Memo from Jodi Cuneo re: On-line convenience fee; Change in mailing address; Low Income Assistance

Mr. Fasanello reads comments from Town Counsel with questions on “who is the Town, who is he referring to”? He takes great issues with the Town Counsel’s comments. Mr. Mishra disagrees also with the Town Counsel’s notes. Mr. Mishra further states that other towns are not collecting fees; Norwood for example. He doesn’t agree that people can come to the office to save the stamp or online fee to pay their bill. He further questions the vendor we use in Woburn now for sending payments. How much time and \$ is wasted with them? Mr. Gustafson explains that the previous vendor to this one used to mail back the bad checks, this new vendor does everything online and saves \$ and time. Mr. Mishra asks for an accounting of how much \$ it costs to use the vendor.

Mr. Mishra requests a list of vendors from Mr. Gustafson for next meeting.

2. Email from Bill Abbott re: Water Production – Current v. Prior Years

3. Jarvis Farm

Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Gustafson for update on parking lot.

4. Meter to Cash Report

Mr. Hasenjaeger discusses Brendan Croak's paternity leave and any questions they have with regard to Jarvis Farm. Please reach out to him personally. Mr. Hasenjaeger disagrees with having to write things down and send to him. Wants him to address parking, solar, buildings, dispositions of the ponds, recreational programming. Mr. Hasenjaeger asks that Mr. Croak come to the next meeting.

New Business:

Police Chief letter regarding the property behind Applebees. Waiting for letter from Fire Chief.

Mr. Fasanello discusses new secretary ad in the paper and no responses to the article.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded by*** Mr. Hasenjaeger to adjourn at 7:54pm.

DATE MINUTES ACCEPTED: October 23, 2023