



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

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

Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 24, 2022
6:30 P.M.
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, January 24, 2022 via Zoom Teleconference. The meeting is called to order by Board Chair John Spillane at 6:30 p.m.

Present at the Meeting:

Sewer and Water Commissioners:

John Spillane, William Abbott, Patrick Fasanello, Pradeep Mishra and John Hasenjaeger

Other Participants:

Scott Gustafson, Sewer & Water Superintendent, Stephen Nunnery, Assistant Sewer & Water Superintendent, Rick Mattson, Director of DPW and Mary Timilty

Abatelements

Question was asked by Mr. Mishra regarding an abatement on a 2nd water meter installation on Stone Street. Ms. Timilty provided an explanation of the situation. Mr. Fasanello asked about the status of the MTU transmitters and Ms. Timilty explained the process of MTU replacements during billing. Mr. Gustafson provides his comments on the current schedules and the increase of meter change outs recently.

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

Vote 5-0-0

Roll Call Vote John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Minutes of November 22, 2021

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Hasenjaeger to approve the minutes of Monday, November 22, 2021

Vote 5-0-0

Roll Call John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Superintendents Status Report

Mr. Gustafson updates the Board that the Department is still monitoring the PFAS at the Delaney Treatment Plant. Mr. Gustafson continues that the results are back for January and they have dropped. Mr. Gustafson continues with positive updates on the PFAS numbers. Mr. Gustafson updates the Board on the filter replacements and status. Mr. Hasenjaeger asks what the forever contaminant meaning is. Mr. Gustafson reports it takes a very very long time to breakdown so they call them forever chemicals. Mr. Gustafson continues to update there was a six inch water main break on Gould Street and an 8 inch break on Main Street during the MDR project and MDR took care of the Main Street break. Mr.

Gustafson updates the Board they are meeting with a consultant regarding the water main replacement project to go over details. Mr. Gustafson updated they are still waiting on materials for the generators due to supply issues. Mr. Fasanello asks if the Board can have the status reports in writing going forward and Mr. Gustafson said that is not a problem.

Sewer abatement request-37 Calvert Road

Motion made by Mr. Fasanello ***Seconded*** by Mr. Abbott to approve the sewer abatement request based on past practice

Vote 5-0-0

Roll Call Vote John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Sewer abatement request-688 Common Street

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Fasanello to approve the sewer abatement request based on past practice

Vote 5-0-0

Roll Call Vote John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Memo from Planning Board with revised plans re: Garden Path Estates-585 Washington Street

Mr. Gustafson comments this project has come in front of the Board before. Mr. Gustafson continues it is an eight inch line and they have made note they are tying in a stub at the end of the proposed development for future use. Mr. Fasanello asks to make a comment to investigate if there is any way we can loop the line. Mr. Gustafson comments this was addressed in the paperwork provided and clarifies the location on the paperwork to Mr. Fasanello. Mr. Gustafson comments they will be leaving a capped stub for future use and will meet with the Town Engineer for further details.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Hasenjaeger that the original comments on this project are still valid and the Superintendent is doing further investigation on the possibility of looping the water line at the end of this street.

Vote 5-0-0

Roll Call Vote John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Memo from Planning Board with revised plans re: Neponset Solar-455 South Street

Mr. Abbott comments he does not see any water or sewer on this project and does not expect to as it is just solar panels. Further discussion is had by the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Fasanello that the Board has no comments.

Vote 5-0-0

Roll Call Vote John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Memo from Planning Board including application, re: 1429 Main Street-Marini

Mr. Abbott updates the Board of the location of this project. Mr. Fasanello asks about the possibility of water main loop from the end of Marion Street and back to Main Street with an easement on the side of this proposed lot. Further lengthy discussion is had regarding the looping and the different options.

Motion made by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Fasanello to send a note to the Planning Board that the Board would like to request a utility easement on the South side of the lot that would allow in the future the capability to create a water loop for the streets in that area.

Roll Call Vote John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Memo from Planning Board including application re: High Plain Street Holdings-173 High Plain Street

Mr. Abbott comments that they want to build an apartment next to the apartments at the corner of High Plain and Washington Street. Mr. Fasanello asks what the town has to say about it and Mr. Mattson comments to his knowledge none of the departments have an objection to it. Mr. Gustafson comments it is going to be 10 apartments about 2 commercial spaces as office space. ***Motion made*** by Mr. Abbott ***Seconded*** by Mr. Spillane that the Board has no comments.

Vote 5-0-0

Roll Call Vote John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Memo from Planning Board including application dated re: DryEx-2220 Boston Providence Highway

Discussion is had regarding the location of this property and it was determined it is in the area of the Red Wing Diner across the street. Mr. Abbott comments the plan is to have Walpole water and private septic and discussion is had. Mr. Gustafson comments he spoke with the Town Engineer and there are some problems with the current plans and they will be addressing tomorrow. Some examples Mr. Gustafson, provided was labeling issues, some sizes are incorrect and it will be address tomorrow. Further discussion is had and Mr. Mattson clarifies that the company is moving from one location to the other. ***Motion made*** by Mr. Fasanello ***Seconded*** by Mr. Spillane to invite the developer to come before the Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners for questions regarding the project.

Vote 5-0-0

Roll Call Vote John Spillane-Aye, William Abbott-Aye, Pradeep Mishra, Yes, Patrick Fasanello, Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye

Memo from Bill Abbott dated re: Water Production-Current vs. Prior Years

Mr. Abbott points out the new reports going forward will be comparing to the previous three years. Mr. Fasanello comments on the report and asks how many residents fall into the first tier of billing. Mr. Abbott answers more than 1/3 of the residents (approx. 40% of 8,000 customers). Further discussion and concerns expressed by the Board regarding the billing tiers and the Water Management Act Permit. Mr. Fasanello requests the billing tier breakdown information at the next meeting.

Master Plan Committee Response

Mr. Hasenjaeger updates the Board that the Master Plan Committee is put in place to make a 5-10 year view plan for the Town Of Walpole. Mr. Hasenjaeger explains the areas the Committee is looking into is economic development, transportation, recreation, open space, housing and land use. Mr. Hasenjaeger continues to update the Board the items the Master Plan Committee is looking for from the Sewer and Water Commissioners. Mr. Hasenjaeger discusses the future MWRA connection and the possibilities. Mr. Hasenjaeger updates the Board he will be emailing worksheets to complete with any suggestions or concerns.

Jarvis Farm Parking Lot

Mr. Mattson summarizes the meeting in the past with the DEP and what was proposed by the Town for a parking lot. Mr. Mattson comments the DEP looked at the proposal and determined there was a conservation restriction in the area they wanted to put the parking lot and a parking lot at that particular location cannot be constructed. Mr. Mattson continues they tried to reconstruct the plan and move the

parking lot closer to the cabins. Mr. Mattson continues there was a water elevation issue with the new plan and are at a stage to come up with a design to address the water table and to set a drainage system. Mr. Mattson end with that once the new plans are developed the Town will update the Board.

Meter to Cash Report

Mr. Mishra asks for an update on the information he sent regarding the app for the consumer to monitor their usage. Scott replies that we are currently working with Metron, Mass Installation and Munis regarding tying this request all together.

Motion made by Mr. Fasanello ***Seconded*** by Mr. Spillane at 7:41 p.m. to adjourn

Date Minutes Accepted: March 21, 2022