

January 9, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: James Taylor, Roger Turner, Kevin Muti, and Ken Fetting. Also Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water and Scott Gustafson, Asst. Supt. of Sewer and Water.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Resident Bill Hamilton arrived at this time.

STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that the vortex unit has been installed at the end of Georgia Dr. and appears to be doing what it is supposed to do. The will have to wait until spring to see if it actually takes care of the problem in the area.

One of the strip towers has been delivered and he expects the other by the end of the month. The cause for the delay was a fabrication problem which was no detriment to the plant as the others are still working. He expects installation to be complete in February or March and he will let the Board know when this will be done as it is quite interesting.

Large meter installations are going well. There have been no issues with gaining access. The only problem encountered has been weak plumbing in some areas. All municipal buildings are completed except the town hall which was delayed due to a school meeting.

The O&M budget has been level funded. The MWRA assessment was favorable as the flows went down and the formula used was changed somewhat.

There is one large capital budget item which is to replace the Willis Treatment Plant membranes for \$700,000 which will fall under retained earnings as we have \$1.9 million. The reason for this is that they are staring to fail and after July 12th the price triples as we currently have guaranteed pricing. The other capital items are small equipment items such as gps to mark hydrants and valves for the trucks. Lastly, Mr. Mattson reports it has been relatively quiet with no major leaks.

Motion Made by James Taylor to accept the minutes of December 12, 2011. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 3-0-1, Muti abstained.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM CONCOM RE: 1148 WASHINGTON ST.

Mr. Mattson reports that the plan here is to demolish the house that is currently there and replace it with a new one. Mr. Turner asks if there are entrance fees involved and the answer is there are no new connections the old ones are just being replaced. The Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer with no additional comments.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM P.B. AND ZBA, PLIMPTONVILLE CROSSING

Comments from the Town Engineer are not yet available for this subject. There is some discussion and there is concern expressed regarding looping of the watermain and hydrant locations. The Board is told that the Fire Chief dictates hydrant locations. The Board is in agreement that they should reserve the right to comment until they get information from the Town Engineer.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ENTRANCE FEE – ELLIS SOCCER FIELD

Mr. Mattson says he was approached regarding waiver of the entrance fee for their new sprinkler system. He says they are not looking for a waiver of the rates just the entrance fee. There is some discussion with the fact that it is non profit and Mr. Mattson reminds this was done for the Little League Field on West St. Mr. Turner says we should remain consistent. Mr. Taylor wonders why they cannot pay it as they collect fees. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to waive the entrance fee for the Ellis Soccer Field irrigation system water service. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 3-1-0, Taylor against.

7:15 APPT. MINUTEMAN, 2195 BOSTON PROVIDENCE HWY

Present for this meeting is Phil Macchi II, Attorney; Don Myers, Engineer; the contractor and a representative for Minuteman. Mr. Macchi speaks and says that they are seeking site plan for an additional 3800 square feet for an addition to the existing paint booth. They have had two meetings with the Planning Board and they have asked for peer review. This will be performed by Cambridge Environmental who also did Walpole Park South. They do not anticipate any problems but if so they will address them and bring this back to the Board. It is explained that the materials used and stored are in small quantities; they order by the jar. They are asking this Commission for a recommendation to the Planning Board, pending peer review, if there are no issues. Otherwise they will come back to address the issues. They explain that there is nothing that is proposed that isn't already going on. They are just proposing an environmentally better area. Mr. Mattson confirms that what they are essentially doing is adding a new facility and taking the old one and rehabilitating it to a state of the art facility. There is some discussion on what they mostly do as fire trucks normally last for 20 years and they are the #1 fire truck distributor of the northeast. They mostly deal with corrosion and damage issues. There is an overview of the site and how it will work. Mr. Turner expresses concern over liquid on floor seeping into the ground and he is told that there is no water or drains in any of the bays. Mr. Turner asks how they collect paint that is spilled on the floor and he is told that it is allowed to dry and then scraped off. Mr. Myers speaks about the closest wetlands and says there closest bordering vegetated wetland is probably 250 feet from the project. The Commission is in agreement that they would like to see the peer review report and Minuteman agrees to forward it to us. Mr. Macchi is asked what they are looking for from this Board and he responds that he is seeking the Commission's support pending peer review and any issues that might come up from the peer review, which he says will be resolved prior to seeking final approval. Mr. Hamilton asks to speak. He says there is a neighbor that claims the chemicals showing up in their monitor wells could potentially be coming from Minuteman and it might be beneficial for Minuteman to put in their own monitor wells. Minuteman says they would like to know who is saying this and what proof they have as money is not well spent on an assumption. Mr. Muti says this is a situation this Board will not deal with as it is asking one to fence the cost for a person claiming fault based on potential. Mr. Hamilton says is not asking that the Board insist, he is asking to consider. Mr. Turner asks if this was brought to the Board of Health and Mr. Hamilton says no. Mr. Turner feels this may be under their purview. Mr. Fettig also feels this is not an issue for this Board. **Motion Made** by Ken Fettig this Board support Minuteman's proposal pending review and comment of the peer review report and if any issues arise in this report are resolved prior to seeking final approval. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING RESULTS FORMER METAL BELLOWS

There is discussion on how high the trichloroethene is at and Mr. Mattson reminds that this is at the monitor well. He also points out the 1,4 dioxane numbers. There is some discussion as to the history of

this contamination and Mr. Mattson says he believes the numbers fluctuate with the ground water levels. He adds that there is none of this found in the finished water.

DEP'S AUDIT INSPECTION RESULTS FOR 1333 MAIN ST.

This is read and noted.

CAPITAL BUDGET APPOINTMENT NOTIFICATION

It is noted that sewer and water is scheduled for January 31st at 7:30 in Room 112.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT OPENING AND CLOSING DATES

These dates are noted and Mr. Mattson says he believes we will only have articles 7 and 8 which are the standard budget articles for water and sewer.

PLANNING BOARD INFORMATION REQUEST ON HIGH OAKS IV

Mr. Mattson says this is the ongoing saga for street acceptance and is noted.

There is discussion on the previous hearing for the potential removal of fluoride and Mr. Muti asks why we did not vote to lower it. Mr. Mattson explains that the Commonwealth sets standards of optimum range. We are told that if we choose to add it we must maintain it between .9 and 1.3. There is now thoughts on people getting too much fluoride due to the water, toothpaste, mouthwash etc. and this is discussed. It is decided to have a couple more hearings before putting it before town meeting and it is asked that this be included on the next agenda to determine what would be good dates to hold public meetings on this.

Motion Made by James Taylor to adjourn. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Accepted January 23, 2012