

February 8, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

Present: Kevin Muti, Roger Turner, John Spillane, Ken Fettig and Patrick Fasanello. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to accept the minutes of January 11, 2010. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

T MOBIL, 153 WASHINGTON STREET SITE PLAN – REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

There is discussion on this location for the use of antennae, as the Board feels it is a very low location. Mr. Fasanello wonders if it would be appropriate to suggest that they might be better off using Town of Walpole land at Washington Street and Route 27. Mr. Turner says they withdrew their request to use the church on Rhoades Ave. He does not understand why they went to the former Hogie Bear property as there is always talk about tearing this down. Mr. Fasanello says he is just curious as to why this site would be better than the town owned sites and Mr. Mattson says they can always send an email to the business and ask, however he feels they are using various sites all over town. This discussion ends.

CSX RIGHT OF WAY SPRAYING – REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

There is discussion on what CSX would be doing in our aquifer areas. Mr. Mattson says they will be clearing using mechanical means. Mr. Turner says they have to refile every year. Mr. Mattson adds that they are bound by law as to what they and apply to wetlands and aquifer areas. It is asked that a letter be sent to the Conservation Commission stating that this Board would like to express concern for any type of treatment for vegetation management other than by mechanical means being used in our aquifer areas.

NOTICE OF INTENT, 4 MILL POND RD., R. TURNER – REQUEST FOC COMMENTS

Commissioner Roger Turner recuses himself from any discussion or votes on this subject. The plans are reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to send a letter to the Conservation Commission stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to the above subject. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-1, Turner abstains.

NSTAR YEARLY OPERATIONAL PLAN

Mr. Mattson reports that NStar has already begun their vegetation control. It is asked that a letter be sent to the Conservation Commission stating that this Board would like to express concern for any type of treatment for vegetation management other than by mechanical means being used in our aquifer areas. This will be done.

THANK YOU FROM NORFOLK RESIDENT

The letter from Mr. Jones of Norfolk is reviewed and discussed and the Board is in agreement that this was a very nice letter.

T MOBIL, WAGON RD., PLANNING BOARD DECISION

This correspondence is read and noted.

GODDARD SCHOOL'S OPPOSITION TO MILLBROOK HOMES

This correspondence is from the attorney that is representing the neighbor (Goddard School) of the proposed Millbrook Homes on Route 1. Mr. Muti says that apparently the information submitted was not complete. Although it is in Area 3, the Board had agreed that it was on a private well and septic and therefore had only concurred with comments of the Town Engineer, which is normally a standard comment by the Board. There is discussion on the fact that the proposed business is within its zoning rights and the Goddard School should have been aware of this. Mr. Mattson says he had heard that the application may be withdrawn. No action is taken. Mr. Fettig asks if the Board is leaving this with no additional comment and the rest of the Board says yes.

AMERICAN LEGION CARNIVAL

Mr. Fasanello says he expects to review the water use permit as this Board is supposed to be notified and authorize the use of the water. Mr. Mattson explains that the applicant will come around with a sign off sheet to each department. Mr. Fettig wonders why we are making such a big deal of this. Mr. Fasanello says he just wants confirmation that they got the proper permits.

FY 2011 ENTERPRISE BUDGET REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Mattson reports that this is the initial submittal to the FY 11 budget which is now under the review process by FinCom, Board of Selectmen, and then Town Meeting. He suggests that the Board members review it and if there are any questions, let him know. He adds that the sewer budget is up because of the MWRA assessment. Mr. Fasanello says the Finance Director sent him a summary of the revenues and he wants the detail. He says he already has the detail of the expenses and would like the same for revenues for 2008. He can either email it to him or he will bring in a flash drive. Mr. Mattson says he will ask for it however there may be a problem because of the way things are posted. Mr. Fettig asks about the salaries and wonders why we are not tightening our belts if everyone else is being asked to. Mr. Mattson responds that there are currently no personnel cuts proposed per the Town Administrator. He adds that there are no additional expenses. Mr. Muti suggests that each Commissioner review the budget and put their concerns in writing to the rest of the Commission and these can then be forwarded to Administration for his response. Mr. Fasanello inquires about never seeing gas bills for the Water Dept. vehicles. Mr. Mattson explains how the accounting office separates the department gas bills and says he will get Mr. Fasanello a print out for his review. Mr. Spillane asks if the Water Dept. is reimbursed for plowing with our trucks. Mr. Fasanello says this is a good point and it should come off our indirect costs.

CY 10 MWRA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Mr. Mattson explains that this is Phase VII of the financial assistance grant/loan program. It up to the Sewer & Water Commission whether or not they want to take advantage of it. If so, he will apply and seek authority by Town Meeting. Mr. Fettig asks if there would be any reason not to take advantage of it and Mr. Mattson says no. Mr. Spillane asks how far along we are and Mr. Mattson says we are entering year 4 of a 5-year program and we have found 500,300 gallons per day and our flows are down 6 ½ %. The Board agrees to move forward.

COMMISSIONER FASANELLO'S RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Mr. Fasanello explains that he noticed a sign in Stop & Shop explaining their conservation efforts and felt it would be a good idea to recognize such efforts through some type of commendation. He designed a template on his computer which is before the Board tonight. He felt we could get a better design with professionals and it would not be too costly. He feels we could invite the party into our meeting and hand out a certificate. Mr. Muti asks what the criteria would be and Mr. Fasanello responds that this could be determined by the Board. There is some discussion. Mr. Turner says the certificate should have the Town seal on it and should be dressed up a bit. Mr. Fasanello suggests that Mr. Turner design something and bring it back to the Board.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS – WALSH BROTHERS CASE

Mr. Mattson reports that this is the most recent inquiries. Mr. Fasanello asks if we are charging them for the information and Mr. Mattson says we can't because it is litigation. Mr. Fasanello wonders if we can charge for this information if we prevail and Mr. Mattson responds that he is not sure but we could probably sue for it. Mr. Fasanello would like a slip included with the information provided stating the cost of providing such information. He is told that the material goes to Town Counsel and she forwards what she believes is relevant to the attorneys for Walsh Brothers.

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRESS

Mr. Mattson says this is a checklist of what tasks and their description that have been done to date.

Mr. Muti says he would like a new list on the latest outstanding water bills. Mr. Mattson will ask the Finance Director for the information.

Mr. Mattson reminds that he is going before the Capital Budget Committee on Tuesday for the one ATM article which is Phase II of the Rehabilitation of the Delaney Treatment Plant. Mr. Fasanello says he would like to have the painter into the Board. Mr. Mattson says the painting in this phase is restricted to the piping and filters. He continues that the next phase is \$1.5m and will be from borrowing. He is wondering if we would get better numbers by just getting the engineering money and then go back in the spring for the additional money rather than relying on the engineering estimates. He thinks this way would be more believable. The Board agrees that this would be a better approach. Mr. Turner asks if we had applied for any stimulus money and Mr. Mattson says yes but we have not yet seen any.

Mr. Mattson reports that his totaled car is going to be replaced with a Ford Fusion, 4- cylinder. Mr. Fasanello wonders why not a 4-wheel drive pick up as he drives in the woods to the wells. Mr. Mattson says he took his other car in the woods and never had a problem.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to adjourn. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.