

**February 22, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

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

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to accept the minutes of February 8, 2010. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

**BILL COMPLAINT – 36 OLYMPIC CT.**

The information provided is reviewed and discussed. Mr. Muti asks if there is any explanation for this and Mr. Mattson responds that the meter and the MTU were both working and the water passed through the meter so other than the fact that they did not actually realize how much water was used in the irrigation system there is no explanation. Mr. Muti suggests following past practice for situations like this and pulling the meter for testing. If the meter comes back as faulty we can revisit the account and if it comes back within acceptable limits then the bill will stand as is. The homeowner will be notified of this.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS – HAWTHORNE DEVELOPMENT, RDA FILING**

Mr. Mattson reports that the Town of Westwood was approached to see if they would be allowed to connect to their sewer and Westwood reportedly was okay with this as long as the appropriate easements were obtained. Mr. Fasanello expresses concern over an intermunicipal agreement and would like to see the route to be taken. The Board is told that the applicant's attorney has scheduled an appointment with them at their next scheduled meeting. The Board feels they should also have their engineer come in to answer questions. They will be told this. Comments from the Town Engineer are reviewed and since she has asked for the right to further comment the Board feels that there is additional information. It is asked that a letter be sent to the Conservation Commission telling them that this Board would like to withhold comment until after the meeting with their attorney and engineer.

**MWRA PRELIMINARY FY 11 ASSESSMENTS**

There is discussion on this and Mr. Mattson says they are revising it monthly and it is currently a 0.3% increase. Mr. Fasanello says our grandchildren will be paying for this because they are keeping the increases low by deferring their debt.

**REQUEST FOR METER SURPLUS SALE**

Mr. Mattson explains they have meters sitting in barrels that they used to trade in for a discount on the new meters however they have replaced all meter and would now like to sell they ones that we have and put the cash in our enterprise fund. To do this, the Board of Selectmen must declare them as surplus and therefore this correspondence is what he is requesting.

### **LEGACY LANE SUBDIVISION CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

This subdivision is outside the aquifer and no action is taken.

### **SITE PLAN DECISION – B&C FLORAL REALTY**

There is some discussion on the location of this subject and then it is considered a read and noted.

### **NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING – MOBIL, 750 MAIN ST**

This has been ongoing and is also a read and noted subject.

### **BAKER HUGHES NOTIFICATION OF DELAY IN COMPLIANCE**

Mr. Muti asks that Arthur Cunningham of Weston Solutions be contacted and have him respond to the letter before us tonight. This will be done.

### **WALPOLE PARK SOUTH PHASE V REMEDY OPERATION STATUS REPORT #1**

Mr. Fasanello would like to confirm that the intent here is to put more wells in because they are getting VOC's and they would like to show that the VOC's are transient and not coming from their property.

Mr. Mattson says this is what is going on.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW OF BUDGETS**

Mr. Mattson says the Finance Committee is ready to deliberate on the sewer and water budgets, however he does not yet have a date. He asks that the Commission to review the budgets he had handed out at the last meeting and let him know if there are any concerns or questions. Mr. Fettig asks if they will get a heads up if his appointment with the FinCom is before the next meeting and Mr. Mattson says if they want to meet before that he will tell them he is not yet ready.

### **WRPOD PROPOSED SCOPE FROM WESTON AND SAMPSON**

Mr. Fasanello points out that on the attachment, which is the contract general terms and conditions; page 2, #7(a) says that we agree to designate a person as the Commission's representative to have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define policies and decisions relative to the work covered by the agreement. He believes that if they make their Superintendent this designated representative then he would be under the charge and control of the Sewer and Water Commission for this project. Mr. Mattson says that is the way he would interpret this requirement.

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to designate Superintendent Mattson as representative for this project as per this agreement and as stated in the Weston and Sampson general terms and conditions page 2 #7(a) of this agreement. Second by Kevin Muti. Mr. Fettig says he does not wish to enter any more contracts with or spend any more money on Weston and Sampson and he has stated this before. Mr. Muti says this is for \$4800 and it was already voted previously. Mr. Mattson adds that the contract has already been signed by the Town Administrator. Vote on the motion 3-1-0, Fettig against. Mr. Fettig says he is not on board with giving this company any more consulting work.

Mr. Mattson reports the general bids for the Delaney Treatment plant ranged from \$580,000 to \$795,000 and adds that the budget for this will be tight. The bids for the dehumidification will be opened on Thursday. Based on his current figures it appears to him that there will be only about \$30,000 left for contingency. He would like the Board to not replace the filters at this time and roll the dice, as he believes the internal filters are in good shape for now. Then go for a supplemental appropriation at the

SATM. There is discussion on running the strip towers until they can't be run anymore and in the meantime he will drag his feet towards the next phase. Mr. Muti asks if things would enter the water that they would not want in there if the strip towers were on their last legs. Mr. Mattson responds that they would keep a very careful watch on them to make sure this did not happen.

Mr. Mattson then speaks about the ongoing lawsuit. He reports that he would be meeting with Town Counsel, as they need more information. He was considering speaking with a rate setting professional to review our records and asks if he could have the Board's permission to see what they charge. There is some discussion on this and the Board agrees to have him at least contact them.

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanella to adjourn. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.