

April 11, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

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

Motion Made by Ken Fetting to accept the minutes of March 14, 2011. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 4-0-1, Muti abstained.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that he plans to start heavily flushing and maintaining the hydrants within Town. He reminds that there was an issue last year with lead so they will no longer be grinding them but rather lightly scrape and prime them. They will be focusing on the hydrants because the leaks are now at a minimum. He tells of the leak on Allston Drive and of the hydrant that was hit on Lincoln Rd. He says the repair of the hydrant will be going to the insurance company and will probably cost about \$3500. Mr. Mattson also says that the Finance Committee voted Articles 7 and 8 of the SATM. He adds that Article 14 is the storage tank and the Town Administrator had changed the wording of the article to say the new tank would be 2 to 2 ½ mg, whichever would fit into the budget. He says the engineers are not overly concerned with having excessive turnover because of the mixer.

WATER MANAGEMENT POLICY PROPOSAL

Mr. Mattson talks about the Water Management Policy that he had previously proposed, which will be from May 2 to October 4; odd/even; no sprinklers of any kind, on any day between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Handheld watering of flower and vegetable gardens, as well as car washing will be allowed on any day. There is some discussion on this and the Board would like to make sure that we monitor and fine abusers. Mr. Mattson says he will be advertising in the paper, on cable, on the website, in the water quality report and with signs throughout Town.

131 SUMMER STREET, REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Mr. Mattson explains that the homeowner had a sewer line problem and after calling to have a camera come in and have it snaked, it was determined that the problem was in the street, he is not sure whether it was the lateral or the main. The town jetted the main line and their problem was resolved. The charge for the service was \$850 and the homeowner is asking if there is anyway to receive some type of consideration. It is asked how long the line is and answer is 150 feet. Mr. Fasanello says they did get the benefit of the clean out, however he also feels the bill looks excessive for such service. There is discussion and Mr. Mattson says he will look into what the average charge would be for something like this and Mr. Fasanello says he would be willing to agree to split the cost in half in the form of a credit on their sewer charges. The rest of the Board agrees with this concept.

YEAR 5, INFLOW AND INFILTRATION ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT

This is the proposed engineering contract from Weston and Sampson for Year 5 investigation of inflow and infiltration. Mr. Mattson reports that Year 4 did not reveal enough cost effective gallons to remove. The thought is to do Year 5 investigation and put out a contract for 5 and 4 together. There is discussion. The cost of the contract is \$83,000. Mr. Mattson says there has been significant amount of infiltration found, not a lot of inflow. He adds, with regard to the Water Management Permit to offset the feasibility, we now have enough in the bank to keep it in the basin. This is the final year for this and the Board is in agreement that we should complete the 5 year plan.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF CHARGES – 9 PILGRIM WAY

A letter from the homeowner is reviewed stating that the house is vacant and a water pipe froze and flooded the house. They are willing to pay for the water however since this water did not go into the sewer, he is seeking an adjustment to his bill. Mr. Mattson says his staff had reviewed the account and it appears that 807 cubic feet were used possibly because of the leak which would total \$51.06 in sewer charges. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate the \$51.06. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

REQUEST FOR INTERCONNECTION – TOWN OF NORFOLK

Mr. Mattson says that he believes that Norfolk's ultimate goal is to make a district, however he is not against the concept of an emergency interconnection. He adds that their unaccounted for water is at about 60%. Mr. Spillane says he is not interested in listening to what they have to say. He reminds that the prison was looking for water previously and feels there is a long term plan that has not been brought to the front yet. Mr. Turner and Mr. Muti agree with Mr. Spillane. Mr. Fettig and Mr. Fasanello wouldn't mind listening to what they have to say. Chairman Muti polls the Board and since there are 3 that are not interested in pursuing this they will not invite them into our meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MATERIAL

Mr. Mattson explains that the material before them is closure to litigation showing the terms of dismissal. Not further action is required of the Board.

DISCUSSION

Fluoride – A date is needed to hold a public hearing for the Board to listen to opinions on removing fluoride treatment from the water supply. It is decided that this hearing will take place on October 24, 2011.

Discussion will continue after the 7:15 appointment.

7:15 APPT. LEAH STANTON, WESTON & SAMPSON – STRIP TOWER UPDATE

Ms. Stanton introduces Mike Brillion of Delta Cooling Towers, Inc., which is where the new strip towers to be installed come from. Mr. Brillion gives a handout brochure of the company's equipment. Mr. Fasanello says that all should realized that every cent we are spending is due to industrial pollution and Mr. Mattson says that Parker would argue differently and state the CO₂ was not caused by them. Ms. Stanton says that Barbatos was low bid at \$377,483 for which they will install 2 air strip units and install new VFD's for the blowers which will save energy. Mr. Fettig asks if there is a guarantee on the unit and the answer is the warranty is the standard one year but they are typically designed for 25 years. Mr. Mattson says the current ones are 13 years old however; it was because of the type of coating.

These will be installed in the fall and it is asked how long it will take. The Board is told that they come pre-packed and just need to be erected. The down time is probably one day. **Motion Made** by Kevin Muti to support the Superintendent's recommendation to award to the lowest bidder for the installation of the air strip towers which is Barbatos and in the amount of \$377,483. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0. Ms. Stanton and Mr. Brillion are thanked for attending.

The Board goes back to their discussions.

Water and Sewer Rate Hearing – A date is needed for the public rate hearing. This will be held on June 14, 2011.

Housing Authority Toilets – It is explained that the Housing Authority is looking to see if they would qualify for the Toilet Rebate Program. There is discussion on the policy and whether or not this fits the criteria.

Historical House, 33 West St. – Mr. Mattson explains that this property had a sewer back up problem that our Sewer Dept. attempted to resolve. It was discovered that the property was on cesspool and has been charged for sewer for 25+ years and they are looking to recoup some of their money. Mr. Turner says he will not participate in any vote for this because he is on the Historical Commission and there could be a conflict. Mr. Fasanello believes we should go back 3 years and Mr. Muti feels it should be 6 years. Mr. Spillane says they should get it all back. It is unclear how far back the payment records would go. Mr. Mattson says we have certain criteria that was given to us by Town Counsel but he is not sure of the exact terms. There is further discussion. This will be put back on the next agenda after there is some research on the records and timeframes done.

National Public Works Employees Week – Mr. Fasanello says this week is scheduled to take place the week of May 15th. He feels that since we can not show our appreciation to our employees in a monetary or bonus manner that it would be nice if they got letters from the Commission expressing appreciation and acknowledging their service. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to send such letters to all of the water and sewer employees. Second by Ken Fetting. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion Made by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting