

## **September 12, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

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

**Motion Made** by Roger Turner to accept the minutes of August 22, 2011. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Mattson reports that strip tower work will commence in the middle of October. He will inform the Board of the exact date when he gets it. As previously reported repeat samples at MB2A and the raw tap water from the Willis TP were both positive for total and coliform. There is nothing in the treated water but they will continue to monitor. DEP says nothing further needs to be done. He explains that they have had a hard time maintaining the chlorine residual especially in South Walpole. With all the rain there has been little demand on the water supply so they plan to artificially lower the tank in South Walpole to stir it up. Mr. Mattson reminds the Board of the rate hearing and the use of \$200,000 of retained earnings to stabilize the water rate. Article 4 of the FATM is a vote to authorize the use of this money and the Finance Committee would like to speak with us next Thursday at 8:30 if anyone is interested in attending, otherwise he will represent the Board. With regard to retained earnings, he reports that for fiscal year 2011 water is at \$1,952,406 and sewer is at \$1,420,555. This is due in part to the aggressive billing of every 4 months versus every 6. Mr. Mattson says the rest of the system is quiet. With regard to the petition that is out there to limit the sewer and water increase, the attorney general certified the ballot initiative and he must by law. They now need to get 90,000 signatures and if we are opposed we should contact our legislative body to attempt to kill it. Mr. Fasanello says our revenue fluctuates each year and Mr. Mattson clarifies that the 2 ½ % is of the current rate. Mr. Fasanello says it will not work for water rates and Mr. Mattson adds that the sewer would kill us because we are bound by the MWRA assessment. He adds that there is a long way to go but there is the potential and he gives the background of the cause for this. This will stay on the agenda and a determination will be made at the next meeting with regard to contacting the legislative body. Mr. Fasanello would also like the subject of MTU readings and privacy issues put on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Fettig asks if there were any problems during the hurricane and Mr. Mattson responds there was just a minor problem after the fact where the Chandler sewer station lost power for 6 hours however they have a contingency plan if that should occur. No one went without water.

### **IRRIGATION REQUEST – 137 ENDEAN DR., MILLS**

**Motion Made** by James Taylor to authorize the homeowner to install an irrigation system at this address provided that they abide by all the requirements of the Superintendent. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

### **IRRIGATION REQUEST – 16 YORK CIRCLE, CASEY**

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to authorize the homeowner to install an irrigation system at this address provided that they abide by all the requirements of the Superintendent. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0.

### **7:15 APPT. TOM BETZ, TOLL BROTHERS IRRIGATION SYSTEM APPEAL**

No one appeared for this appointment and therefore no action was taken.

### **SHARON CREDIT UNION SITE PLAN DECISION**

This is read and noted.

### **HOLLOWDALE FARM SUBDIVISION PUNCH LIST**

Mr. Fasanello asks for the list and Mr. Mattson says this is the list. He says that Mr. Delapa went to the Board of Selectmen for a hearing date for street acceptance through town meeting. With the exception of 15 Yonker Way they will conform. They will not relocate the gate box at this address because they say it was there when he took

it over and the Engineering Department inspected it. Mr. Fasanello says we know it now and it must be done. He asks where it is located and Mr. Mattson responds that it is 35 feet into the front lawn. Mr. Fasanello says this is ridiculous and says it must be relocated. Mr. Mattson says his job is to recommend and if the Town Administrator recommends acceptance so be it. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to support the Superintendent in that 35 feet onto someone's lawn is not reasonable and if not relocated then they do not support street acceptance. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-0.

#### **DEP'S NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE TO BAKER HUGHES**

Mr. Mattson says this is a notice of non compliance however it appears that it was regarding the timing on reports submitted. He believes that Baker Hughes has addressed the problem. This is considered to be informational.

#### **NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL SITE PLAN, REQUEST FOR COMMENT**

There is discussion on there being a small pump station that would pump the sewer to our system. Also there will be a couple of services added as well as a new fire sprinkler. There is discussion on a manure management plan and it is believed that they have one of the biggest plans around. Also the farms groundwater infiltration and its affect on Cobb and Willett Pond are of concern to the Board. Mr. Turner mentions the need for oil separators for the mechanic shop and the equipment. Mr. Mattson responds that they have been in touch with the MWRA for this. Mr. Fasanello points out that this is not in the aquifer. It is asked that a letter be sent expressing the concerns discussed tonight and to tell the Planning Board that we are waiting for the Town Engineer to have the time to review the plans and provide her comments. Therefore we would like to reserve the right to comment further.

#### **FLUORIDE PUBLIC MEETING 10-24-11**

There is discussion on this and an attempt will be made to notify dentists and pediatricians in town, as will as advertise to the public and solicit input on whether or not there is support to stop adding fluoride to the system. It is asked if there is any corrosion as a result of adding the fluoride and Mr. Mattson says the corrosion is not in the system but is with the in house equipment. There would be no cost to terminate adding this chemical and there would be an annual savings of \$40,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Fasanello suggests vouchers for the purchase of fluoride for those who want it and it is decided to bring this up at the public meeting.

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

*Approved September 26, 2011*