

September 26, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Facility, 1303 Washington St.

Present: Kevin Muti, James Taylor, Patrick Fasanello, Roger Turner and Ken Fetting. 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 September 12, 2011. Second by Ken Fetting. Vote 4-0-1, Muti abstains.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

A Sewer Debt Relief application was signed for the Finance Director Mark Good.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson gives a general update of the goings on in the department. He tells of the use of retained earnings with regard to Article 4 of the Fall Annual Town Meeting and the fact that the Finance Committee is okay with it. There is discussion on the Italian American Club situation and the issue of a settlement of \$150,000. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to solicit input from Town Counsel with regard to this matter. Second by Ken Fetting. Vote 5-0-0. Mr. Mattson also speaks about using \$20,000 as requested by the Town Administrator for communication equipment at the new water tank site. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to use water retained earnings to pay for this equipment. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR ZONING ARTICLE

Stephanie Mercandetti, Economic Development Officer is present to speak on the Planning Board correspondence relative to the hearing to establish a Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District (SPOD) to allow for solar under the Green Communities Act. Ms. Mercandetti provides a detailed description to the Sewer & Water Commission and then answers questions. Mr. Taylor expresses concern of there being gas near the site (the Lorusso property). The issue of a chemical spill at Callahan last week (ethanol) is brought up and the Commission is upset that they were never notified of this. Mr. Muti will call the Town Administrator to find out why they were not notified. Mr. Fasanello asks Ms. Mercandetti questions regarding the construction of the panels such as what they are made from. There is general discussion. The Commission would like to see specifications. It is explained that there are 2 sites; Goldie's and the Lorusso property which would be 70 acres in total, with 1.3 megawatts at the Lorusso property and 2.5 megawatts at Goldie's. The storm water runoff issue is discussed and the Commission is told that this site would have to do storm water management just as anyone else would be required. Mr. Muti states that there is an issue with the industry itself as solar is not doing so well. Ms. Mercandetti states that there would be a financial security in place. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to support the SPOD. Second by Ken Fetting. There is discussion on the concerns made by Mr. Fasanello. Motion is modified by Mr. Turner and Mr. Fetting seconds the modification which states that the Sewer & Water Commission supports the SPOD subject to this Commission reviewing all plans. Vote on the motion 4-1-0, Taylor against.

LARGE METER BID RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATION

There is discussion and Mr. Mattson points out that the larger meters are privately owned and he would like to see that policy changed. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent in awarding the bid for the replacement of large commercial, industrial and municipal water meters to Mass Installation, Inc. in the amount of \$147,148.00. Additionally to change the policy of large meter ownership from being the consumer to being the Town. . Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

IRRIGATION REQUESTS

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to approve the requests for irrigation systems at 4 York Cir., 7 Lexington Dr., and 50 Hound Pack Cir. conditional on all specifications of the Superintendent are met and inspected by the Town. Second by James Taylor. Vote 5-0-0.

7:15 APPT. HOLLOWDALE FARM SUBDIVISION DISCUSSION

Although notified, there is no representative present for Hollowdale. Mr. Mattson tells the Board what has transpired regarding this subdivision since they had last met. He reminds that the minutes reflect that the Board agreed with the Superintendent in that 35 feet onto someone's lawn is not a reasonable location for a gate box and if not relocated then the Commission would not support street acceptance. The developer has since gone before the Board of Selectmen and they have asked for a resolution to the situation. Mr. Mattson says he had offered to provide materials and the offer was originally declined. The Board feels it is reasonable to provide materials. The developer can then install a new curb box in the Town layout. The homeowner is to maintain ownership of the existing curb stop at 15 Yonker Place.

OAKTREE REALTY SITE PLAN DECISION

There is discussion on the runoff from this site impacting the aquifer. All precautions need to be taken at this site.

2010 STATISTICAL REPORT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

This is read and noted.

FY 2011 ENTERPRISE REVENUE AND INDIRECTS

This is read and noted.

LEGISLATIVE PETITION INFORMATION ON RATE INCREASE AMOUNTS

There is a brief discussion and it considered read and noted. It will remain on the agenda for discussion

DISCUSSION

The petition to limit sewer and water increases were discussed in the previous discussion.

FATM Article for use of retained earnings is discussed and Mr. Mattson explains that the Commission voted to use retained earnings to stabilize the rate increase for water. This article is the formality that would allow this money to be used. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to support Article 4 of the Fall Town Meeting which is to seek authorization to use \$200,000 from water retained earnings to stabilize the rate. Second by Kevin Muti. Vote 5-0-0.

The fluoride public meeting is scheduled for October 24th. An ad will be run in the local paper, on cable and the town's web site to solicit input from the public. Local pediatricians and dentists will also be notified.

Mr. Fasanello had asked that MTU readings be put on the agenda for discussion. There is discussion of establishing a policy. Mr. Fasanello states that if the Board does not want to set a policy on it he will not bother to research any further. It is asked that it be left on the agenda.

The Superintendent raises the issue of a sewer line that needs to be connected at Historic Realty. There is discussion on getting quotes versus doing the job in house. Mr. Mattson will report back to the Board.

Motion Made by Kevin Muti to adjourn. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.