

December 12, 2011

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

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

Also present in the audience is Bill Hamilton.

The meeting is opened by Commissioner Fasanello as clerk at 7:00 p.m.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

**Motion Made** by James Taylor to accept the minutes of November 14, 2011. Second by Ken Fettig.  
Vote 4-0-0.

#### **1034 EAST STREET PAYMENT RECORDS**

The Board is informed that today any delinquent amounts that were past due on this account were brought up to date today. The only amount left is the current amount due which has a due date of December 16. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to make sure this is paid on the due date or it should come back to the Board. There is no second.

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION 8 LEONARD RD. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION**

Discussion is held. It is asked that a letter be sent to the Conservation Commission indicating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer. The letter should also state that every precaution should be made to protect our wellfield in the Mine Brook area. This will be done.

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REQUEST FOR COMMENTS 14 COUNTRY CLUB DR.**

There is discussion is held and the Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer. A memo will be sent stating this.

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REQUEST FOR COMMENTS 3-5 INDUSTRIAL RD.**

The Commission concurs with the comments made by the Town Engineer. Mr. Turner expresses about Cedar Swamp area and feels every precaution should be taken to ensure that no polluted runoff is allowed to get into this area through mitigation or a vortex unit. Mr. Gustafson suggests that the Stormwater Management Plan should include notification of the Sewer & Water Commission if there is a spill. All of the comments and concerns will be included in a memo to the Conservation Commission.

#### **PLANNING BOARD REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ROUTE 1 MINUTEMAN**

Mr. Turner has concerns over the paint shop which will have a whole series of hazardous material of different quantities and type. He worries about these things getting into the groundwater which is down gradient from School Meadow Brook. He would like to be sure all are proactive to be sure all areas of protection are addressed. Mr. Fettig says he is not sure on the contours as they relate to Pine St. The plans are then reviewed and there is discussion. Mr. Fasanello says if there is a discharge and it flows towards Walpole Park South then it would be unclear as to whom to blame. It is agreed that monitor

wells should be installed to isolate and identify any threat to the Town's wells. There should also be plans for onsite spills and clean up with containment and treatment plans. The Board is told that Attorney Macchi had previously offered to attend a Board meeting to discuss any concerns or questions. The Board wanted to wait until after they had reviewed all the information. It is asked that Mr. Macchi be invited to the next scheduled meeting. Correspondence stating all of the above discussion will be sent to the Planning Board, Board of Appeals and Town Engineer.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS CASE 22-11 INFORMATION FOR 48 MILLBROOK AVE**

Additional information was provided by the Board of Appeals as this Commission had requested. The information is reviewed and discussed. Mr. Turner says his only concern is being that it is adjacent to Mine Brook and wants to make sure it does not affect the Mine Brook aquifer. This comment will be sent to the Board of Appeals.

#### **CAPITAL BUDGET SEWER & WATER FY13 TO FY17**

The Board is told this is somewhat like a "wish list" and Mr. Turner adds that this is necessary for long term planning by the Town.

There is some discussion on a diesel fuel oil spill that occurred behind the fire station. The Board feels if there is anything in place now there should be for containment purposes. It is asked that the plans of the area be gotten from the Town Engineer to review them.

#### **FLUORIDE FACTS FROM 7 JEAN RD. RESIDENT**

Mr. Fettig says he spoke to his dentist and was told this addition is a relatively small expense for the reward it gives. He also spoke to another dentist who felt the same and said it is short money for a big result. Mr. Fettig is convinced it is worthwhile to continue adding fluoride. There is some discussion on the amount added and the range, Mr. Fettig says he would not be opposed to going to a lower range. Mr. Gustafson says 1ppm is the goal. There is further discussion on the recommended amount of .7 ppm. Mr. Turner says the total cost needs to be looked at, not just the material. Also to be considered is the cost of corrosion and the capital costs to the town. There is also the question as to how much of the per capita/per day is actually consumed and discussion is held on the other things that include fluoride that are used on a daily basis such as toothpaste, mouthwash, etc. Mr. Turner feels the consumer may be better served by a pill. He would like to see documents from other than the dental association. He feels there is still more to learn. Mr. Fettig refers to the information before us tonight and according to this the corrosion is not supported by scientific evidence. He asks Mr. Gustafson if he sees corrosion due to the fluoride addition. Mr. Gustafson responds not on the system but in the handling itself, as it is a very strong acid. Mr. Fettig says chlorine is strong also but not when it is added to the solution. It may be strong material but in low quantity. Mr. Turner says the damage it to the capital (injection processing) not in the water pipes. Mr. Fasanella says if the federal government says it should be reduced then we do it right away. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to reduce the fluoride addition to 0.7 ppm immediately. Second by Ken Fettig. There is some discussion. Mr. Turner would like more opportunity to review the information and wait for a full Board to vote on this. The rest of the Board disagrees. Mr. Gustafson says the State standard is 0.9 to 1.3 so the Town is compliant. Mr. Fasanella says there is no compliant or non compliant as it is not a regulation but rather a recommendation. Mr. Turner feels we are still in the data collection stage and would like reconsideration of the motion. Mr. Fasanella feels we can reduce at any time which is the recommendation. It is decided that Mr. Gustafson find out why there is conflicting recommendations

where the Commonwealth is recommending 0.9 and the Public Health is recommending 0.7. Mr. Taylor rescinds his motion and Mr. Fettig rescinds his second. This will be put on the next agenda.

Mr. Fasanello speaks of the telemetering system and the fact that we have the ability to allow other utilities use the system. He asks Mr. Gustafson to contact the other utilities and see if there is any interest. Mr. Gustafson says he sees the man from NStar all of the time. Mr. Fettig adds that the town should benefit from this if we decide to move forward and the rest of the Board agrees.

Mr. Fasanello brings up the subject of having to pay the MBTA for a utility easement we have to pay for our water lines going over the tracks. He feels that we should not have to pay this unless they pay property taxes. He will look into this with the Finance Director.

The Board asks Mr. Gustafson if they could have a tour of the fluoride injector system before the next meeting and the answer is yes. This will be set up.

The Board Secretary's evaluation is reviewed by all present Board members and all are in agreement that this is a fair evaluation. The secretary is asked if she is satisfied with the evaluation and she says yes. **Motion Made** by James Taylor to approve of the evaluation as submitted with no further comments by any other Board member. This should be signed by the Clerk of the Board, Commissioner Fasanello so it can be submitted to the Personnel Board. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0.

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to adjourn. Second by James Taylor. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Accepted January 9, 2012*