

**April 24, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: John Spillane, Roger Turner, Patrick Fasanello, William Abbott and Tom Brown. Also Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to accept the minutes of March 27, 1917. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

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

Mr. Mattson says they are concentration on the spring hydrant flushing program concentration mostly on dead end lines. Leaks have been quiet. The construction of the hotels are underway. Mr. Fasanello asks about the entrance fees and Mr. Mattson gives him the figures. There is discussion on the possibility of the hotel by Applebee's coming back however Mr. Mattson says this will be completely in Sharon. Mr. Fasanello says however they will be looking for Walpole's water and sewer. Mr. Mattson says most likely yes, and there is another potential hotel by Cook's garage. Mr. Fasanello says based on the potential fees it is possible that we will get back the money we would spend on dioxane. Mr. Mattson then reports that the Water Management Policy will be going into effect on May 1. He says he has had a couple of residents who have asked for waivers as they felt the notices were sent out too late and they have already started their landscaping and therefore looking for consideration. We have had a water ban every year since the 80's however he needs to know the pleasure of the Board. He has received messages from residents that there was not enough advance notice of the policy and they have started their landscaping. There is discussion on this and Mr. Fasanello says he would like to see nonresidential private wells be required to get a special permit from this Board. Mr. Mattson says that once DEP's Water Management Permit is issued our restrictions will go by the wayside for much more restrictive policies. Mr. Mattson then reviews the 5 town meeting articles that this Commission will be sponsoring. Giving waivers from the water policy is discussed further. Mr. Brown would like to see new construction waivers issued as they have already gone through the permitting process. He then suggests perhaps a fee for a 30 day waiver. This will be discussed further later in the meeting.

### **7:15 LOU PETROZZI, UNION SQ. SITE PLAN, SEWER EXT. PMT, BOYDEN PL. EASEMENT**

Mr. Petrozzi explains how he had to move the sewer line in Boyden Place out of the current easement so it was redesigned and relocated. He is now giving the easement to the Town and this Board needs to accept it so it can be recorded. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to accept the sewer easement for the relocation of the sewer line for Boyden Place. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0. The next item Mr. Petrozzi is here for is his 14 unit detached condos on a cul de sac where he will loop the water main. Each unit will have their own curb stop and possibly a well for irrigation. It will be serviced by sewer which he explains and has submitted a local sewer extension permit and this has been reviewed by the Superintendent. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer pending any additional comments made by the Sewer and Water Superintendent and to approve the sewer extension permit. The inflow and infiltration shall be paid for each unit at the time of the building permit application. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

### **CONCOM COMMENT REQUEST – NOI- SIEMENS, 333 CONEY ST.**

Mr. Mattson reports that Siemens representatives will be coming to our May 8 meeting so this is read and noted.

### **INCLINING BLOCK RATE INFORMATION**

Mr. Abbott explains his calculations on this sheet. He says more than ½ the commercial accounts use less than 6700 c.f. and for residential 6500 c.f. per year. He looked at where the customers stood and he found that more than ½ of the water is used by 10% of the customers and were mostly residential/irrigation. Mr. Mattson says

there is excessive irrigation. Mr. Abbott continues with a sample inclining block rate based on 65 gallons per day per person and he used a family of 4. He did this to see the impact if DEP insisted on inclining block. There is discussion on who was the biggest water user. A family of 4 is estimated to use 12,000 c.f. per year and he found that more than half only use 6,000 c.f. per year. Mr. Fasanello would like to confirm the basic rate is charged and they would go to the next rate for any overage. Mr. Mattson says this is a true inclining block rate.

#### **PHIL MACCHI, LIBERTY VILLAGE, 1034 EAST ST.**

Present to discuss this is Tim Higgins Vice President, and Engineer Jacob Murray. Mr. Higgins says they have gone before the Planning Board, ConCom and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He gives a presentation of the plans. Mr. Brown asks if any consideration has been given to the flooding in the area. He is told that they plan to store the storm water onsite with infiltration and release it to the Neponset River. There is a 15" sewer line and 12" water line that they will cut and cap. They will be installing a 4" ductile iron water line and a 6" fire sprinkler line. There will be a separate line for the restaurant with a grease trap. Mr. Brown asks about the type of grease trap and the response is interior however it depends on the type of restaurant. Mr. Fasanello asks about the chambers and he is told they are required by the DEP. It is explained the first step of the runoff would be to catch sand and salt, the deep catch basin removes 25% of solids. It would then have a separator to catch 56% of the fine particles. It would then go to the chambers and eventually back to recharge. There is discussion on the possibility of the groundwater rising and flooding. Mr. Brown asks about water conservation and the applicants say they will comply with all applicable standards. Mr. Spillane asks about a timeframe for construction and Mr. Higgins replies that it is tough to say. They hope for demolition in this calendar year. Mr. Fasanello asks for information on responsibility of clean up should they be hazardous materials found once they begin to tear down the building. Mr. Higgins says they would have to clean it up as the property owners.

#### **2016 WATER PRODUCTION INFORMATION**

Mr. Abbott explains that this is purely informational with a pie chart and it shows how much we depend on Washington Well #6. This is read and noted.

#### **ACCESS TO MWRA WATER INFORMATION**

This document by Mr. Abbott shows questions that would need to be investigated. Mr. Mattson says the connection at Route 1 @ Union St. would need an upgrade. Mr. Abbott wonders about the size of the pipe across Route 1 and Mr. Mattson responds that he believes it is 10 x 10 and Rustic Road at Pleasant St. is 8". Mr. Fasanello says the MWRA will help us facilitate the idea. Mr. Abbott says we need to find out what unknown work would be necessary and what approvals would be needed. Mr. Mattson feels it would be an excellent idea however we need to know more specifics. Mr. Brown wonders if doing this would diminish the authority of this Commission. Mr. Mattson thinks not. Mr. Abbott says we need to know what other approvals we might need such as town meeting. Mr. Mattson feels this makes good sense conceptually in the event that we were to lose Washington Well #6. Then we would have MWRA supply to rely on. Another question posed was if there would be chemical addition conflict. Block rates and entrance fees are briefly discussed. It is decided to put some questions together and investigate them.

#### **8:15 JOHN GLOSSA RE: ECHO ESTATES**

Mr. Glossa explains that this is the property next to Raphael's owned by Anthony Rosetti and is a 4-lot subdivision. He presents the plans and service location. He says there is a 12" water main in Main Street where he would connect and bring an 8" into the property with 1" connections. He says it is a waiver less subdivision. He adds that it meets all requirements of the other boards, and DEP for storm water management. Mr. Mattson asks the distance from the end of the cul de sac and Mr. Glossa guesses 750' but wetlands. Mr. Abbott asks if a sewer extension permit is required and the answer is yes. There are not a lot of comments from the Town Engineer. Mr. Glossa says he just came before the Board to enlighten them on the project.

#### **ZONING BOARD COMMITTEE REQUEST VARIANCE, 12 MOHAWK CIR.**

This subject is read and noted.

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF WELL CLEANING & REDEVELOPMENT CONTRACT**

Mr. Abbott asks what wells are being cleaned. Mr. Mattson says Mine Brook 1 and 3 as well as Washington 5 and 3A. Six of the wells will be treated with acid and not cleaned.

## **YOP NOTIFICATION FOR RAILROAD**

This is read and noted.

## **JARVIS FARM ORIGINAL COMMITTEE CHARGE**

The original charge of the committee is before the Board. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to disband the Jarvis Farm Committee. There is discussion and Mr. Fasanello agrees with Mr. Spillane. Mr. Abbott feels the Recreation Department is overseeing the use of the farm. Mr. Fasanello did not feel other uses were ever investigated and Mr. Brown says he offered the idea of a solar farm which would have generated \$45,000 a year however it fell on deaf ears. Mr. Brown feels the use of Jarvis Farm was determined before it was purchased. There is discussion on this. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

## **TOWN OF SHARON WELLHEAD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS BY DEP**

Mr. Mattson reports that these requirements are as a result of our attendance to their zoning meeting. The DEP has given them a list of items that require addressing to come into compliance.

## **PRIVACY FOR ACCOUNT HOLDERS**

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello that no Walpole water and sewer account information can be provided without the permission of the account holder. There is discussion with regard to laws of the Commonwealth and Mr. Fasanello says these laws would override our policy. Second by Tom Brown. There is some discussion on this matter. Vote 5-0-0.

It is asked that the Board of Selectmen and Jarvis Farm Committee be notified of the vote to disband the committee thanking them.

The resident from 39 Bubbling Brook Rd, Mr. Hooper asks to speak. He wishes to speak about the timing of the notices for the water management policy. He is told that they are sent out at the same time every year. He has a new lawn that needs to be watered and now it has become a financial burden. There is discussion.

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to grant a waiver for hand held watering of his lawn at 39 Bubbling Brook Road until May 20<sup>th</sup>. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 3-2-0, Abbott and Spillane against.

Mr. Donahue of 19 Squire Court is present for a similar reason and says he needs to hydro seed but the notice was sent too late to allow him to comply with the current policy. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to grant a waiver for hand held watering of the lawn at 19 Squire Court until May 20<sup>th</sup>. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to adjourn. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 9:05 p.m.

*Accepted May 22, 2017*