

**December 14, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: John Spillane, Patrick Fasanello, Roger Turner, Tom Brown and William Abbott.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to accept the minutes of November 16, 2015 as corrected. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 4-0-1, Fasanello abstained.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to accept the minutes of November 23, 2015 as corrected. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

**CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS NOI, 183 HIGH ST., PELLETIER**

Plans are reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to send a letter to the Conservation Commission stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

**PLANNING BD. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, ROSCOMMON REFILE**

The Board is told that this is back on the agenda because the Town Engineer's comments were not yet available their right to comment was reserved. However the comments are now available. Plans and comments are reviewed. The sewer is proposed to come from Emerald Way in the Olmsted Subdivision and enter Roscommon from there. The water line is to follow the "cart path" which goes from Fisher to North Street. This Commission concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer and is aware that the required local sewer extension permit and inflow and infiltration for this subdivision have not yet been addressed.

**7:15 APPT. PAUL BRODMERKLE FOR KAM CONSTRUCTION, EASTOVER RD. CONDO'S**

Mr. Brodmerkle explains the location of the project which is currently not sewerred. They are going before the ZBA for a Special Permit to build 12 units which will require sewer. There is discussion on the route and Mr. Brodmerkle says it would be connected off of East St. Sewer will all be by gravity but it will be tricky. Mr. Spillane asks if it is downhill and the answer is yes. The plan is to install a culvert and go over. Mr. Fasanello asks how deep it would be and the answer is 15 feet. Mr. Brodmerkle then says there is a hydrant at the end of Eastover with not much pressure as it is a dead end. They plan to remove the old 6" water main and replace it with an 8" which will service the condo's. Mr. Abbott asks how long the dead end is and the answer is 600 feet. Mr. Brown says he would like to see the dead end looped. Mr. Fasanello says at the terminus they should bring a copper service line back and tie the services off of this line. Mr. Brown says he would like to see a return. Mr. Brodmerkle says he will work with the Town Engineer and Mr. Mattson. Mr. Fasanello says he does not want any dead ends and he did not realize it was a T" so there would be 2 dead ends. He wants this solved. Mr. Brodmerkle says this is what the hydrants are for and Mr. Fasanello responds that this will not work there are 2 segments that need looping. Mr. Brodmerkle says he will work with the Superintendent. Mr. Brodmerkle is then reminded that he also must file a local sewer extension permit application for approval and address inflow and infiltration.

**PLANNING BD. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS JITEN HOTEL, ROUTE 1**

Mr. Abbott recalls a discussion on entrance fees per room back in the past when Amerisuites Hotel was going to be built. He says there was a ratio. There is some discussion. Mr. Abbott recalls a water ration used with regard to entrance fees. The Board agrees that the line should be looped to Jason's Path and the Town Engineer should be notified of this. Mr. Abbott says we should have the developer appear before us to explain how they

will loop the system and asks in the meantime if we could research the Amersuites documents to see what we used for numbers on entrance fees.

### **PLANNING BD & CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS LEAGUE SCHOOL, ROUTE 1**

All available information was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Fasanello says this is not in our watershed.

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

### **PLANNING BD. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS OLMSTED EST. MODIFICATION REFILE**

Mr. Fasanello says he wants to see the plan showing the looping of the domestic water line. Mr. Brown says the Town Engineer's comments do not mention the recirculation of the water. He says he would like to see what the Superintendent recommends with regard to the changes.

### **FY 15 SEWER AND WATER BUDGET REVIEW INFORMATION**

This is read and noted as the Superintendent handled this.

### **47 GRISTMILL LA. RESPONSE TO RECONSIDERATION DENIAL**

Mr. Abbott asks about past practice for sewer credits and he is told that the sewer credits are not for people who irrigate without a second meter or everyone will be seeking the same thing. Mr. Turner says this is a bill from over 2 years ago. There is no action taken on this.

Mr. Fasanello reports that there is no MWRA meeting this month.

### **CAPITAL BUDGET SUBMITTALS**

Mr. Abbott says there will be \$140,000 coming off of our debt. The Lincoln Rd., Granite St., Edgewood and Alice Ave. water main replacement is \$2.1 million which will require borrowing and would increase the rate by \$2.23. He got the end of fiscal year retained earnings figure from the Town Accountant of \$432,306. The Finance Director recommends not going below \$500,000. Other priorities for FY17 are \$375,000, \$297,000 and \$185,000 which would add an additional \$3.00 to the rate. Mr. Abbott then speaks of the mixing system for the 1.5 mg tank in South Walpole as he recalls that there are 2 pipes coming from different directions with the intent of causing a swirl. He wonders if the mixing system is necessary here. He then speaks of the water main replacement project and says the pipe has been cut into numerous times and the condition is not terrible. He expresses concern over spending this amount of money without knowing the problem. He would like to hear what the problem is from the engineer. There is some discussion on the Superintendent's thought of connection to Breezewood and then to Plain St. Mr. Spillane says he believes the problem is Granite St. He then speaks of the \$805,000 to recoat the .5 tank on Old Post Rd. Mr. Abbott's thought is to forget using it and use a Texaco type booster. Mr. Fasanello does not like the idea of losing the storage. Mr. Abbott feels we need to look at the cost as opposed to a different approach. Mr. Fasanello feels most of the people in his neighborhood have addressed the pressure problem themselves. There is further discussion. Mr. Spillane would rather leave the tank and use it only to hold the antennae. The next item Mr. Abbott speaks of is the updating of the booster stations which have already been postponed at least once. Then he discusses the pressure regulator valve replacement at Fisher and Walden. He says given the amount of retained earnings we would have to borrow over \$3 million which would be an increase of \$3.20 to the rate. Mr. Brown asks what this would be percentage wise and the answer is 4, 4 ½ or 5%. Mr. Abbott says he just wanted everyone to know where we stand as we will be going to Capital Budget in early January. Mr. Spillane says he is not ready to spend \$2 million at Lincoln Road. Mr. Abbott speaks briefly on the sewer capital budget and says the sewer system expansion may be a bit premature as the cost is still "to be determined". He says these were his comments and how the budgets will affect the rates. Mr. Fasanello says he does not remember setting these priorities and Mr. Abbott responds that the Superintendent prioritized these as he does every year. Mr. Fasanello says this Board should be setting the priorities as his concern is the dioxane in the water. Mr. Abbott

says it is in the Capital Budget but at a later date. Mr. Fasanello says maybe it should be before all the physical improvements as they can be recovered. We need good water. Mr. Abbott says the priorities can be changed if wanted but they are all valid projects. Mr. Spillane says he would like the cost of Lincoln Rd. down as the pipes looked good. Mr. Abbott says he would first like to know the problem. Mr. Fasanello says we are in charge of the policy and we need clean water before talking physical improvements. Mr. Abbott says it can be voted. Mr. Spillane again says the Old Post Rd. tank should be just for antenna use. Mr. Fasanello says the reasoning that only 1/2 of the water in the tank is true for all tanks. Mr. Spillane says the retained earnings are still in trouble. Mr. Abbott would like this package discussed again when Mr. Mattson is present. This will be put back on the agenda.

Mr. Abbott says he also spoke with the Town Administrator regarding the man from Spectre Energy that they wanted to speak to about the closeness to our wells with the lines to be installed. Mr. Fasanello says a survey needs to be conducted as this may affect our groundwater. There is discussion on this. Mr. Fasanello feels this discussion reinforces his argument about the parking at Jarvis as the runoff from the lot will drain to the pond and into the groundwater. Mr. Brown asks the capacity of the parking lot and Mr. Fasanello says Mr. Mattson is getting the number for them. Mr. Brown says he has been talking to someone from Select Energy in Hopkington and they felt they could do a 5 acre farm at Jarvis that could generate \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year. Michael DeBara of the DEP was also spoken to and feels it is a good idea and is willing to help out. He then says Lincoln Road compost site is also an option as there is now a different system of ballasts so no penetration is needed. There is a substantial amount of money to be made. Mr. Abbott asks about the tax credits expiring and Mr. Brown responds they expire next December. Mr. Spillane asks if they really want to tie up the land like this and Mr. Brown says it is only 5 acres and it will generate a lot of money. Mr. Brown says he did some math and using the lowest number of campers they would receive \$10,000 per 8-week session. He would like to see a financial analysis with concrete numbers. He feels they could add the \$30,000 with the \$10,000 and Mr. Abbott questions being able to do both. Mr. Brown says they can clear some of the land and all he is asking is that it be looked into. Based on his calculations it will take 450 years to pay off. Mr. Abbott feels it would be worthwhile to investigate the solar idea. Mr. Brown feels we need to look at the whole return of the investment. Mr. Abbott says we should see how the camp goes with the 40 to 80 and go from there. Mr. Fasanello feels there was a rush to judgement at the working meeting so they could advertise and find out if there is interest. He has not seen anything. Mr. Brown asks that inquire as to if there has been any advertising done and if there is any interest expressed to date. **Motion Made** by Tom Brown to request that the Town Administrator investigate a solar panel proposal for Jarvis Farm. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 4-1-0, Spillane against.

**Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to adjourn. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Accepted 1/11/16*

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Tom Brown, Clerk