

February 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioner was held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: John Spillane, Roger Turner, Patrick Fasanello, Tom Brown and William Abbott.
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 January 23, 2017. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion Made by William Abbott to accept the executive session minutes of January 23, 2017. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that demand is low (2.17 mgd) which is under the Water Management Permit requirements. The groundwater levels are better. Mr. Spillane asks what the low point was and Mr. Mattson says it was 38.6" at Washington 6. Mr. Brown asks how much is allowed to be pumped out and the answer is 3.12 mgd and this will change to 2.55 mgd and this is determined by the DEP. Mr. Mattson says the permit will probably be issued in 2018. Mr. Abbott says if we are using any water outside the DEP will be of the opinion that we have the ability to conserve more. Mr. Mattson asks that the Board consider their local water management policy sooner than later so that he can get the work out and make new signs. He felt the two days per week worked last year. He suggests that the policy go from May 1, 2017 to a minimum of October 2, 2017. Odd numbered homes may water on Mondays and Thursdays and even numbered homes may water Tuesdays and Fridays. There will be no watering on weekends. There should be no lawn watering between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. There is discussion and Mr. Mattson says we all know that the irrigation systems are the problem and not the vegetable and flower gardens. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to continue our water management policy of two days per week. Odd numbered homes may water only on Mondays and Thursdays and even numbered homes may water only on Tuesdays and Fridays. There shall be **NO** lawn watering between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. This policy will be in effect from May 1, 2017 to a minimum of October 2, 2017. There will be no watering on weekends. Second by William Abbott. Mr. Fasanello expresses concern over the revenue stream. Mr. Mattson does not believe this will create an impact, we are only taking 3 days out of the mix. Mr. Fasanello says in other words you pay more to get less and Mr. Mattson disagrees. Mr. Fasanello asks why he believes this and Mr. Mattson responds that it is because the commercial properties such as the Siemens addition, the new hotels etc. will override this. Vote on the motion 5-0-0. Mr. Mattson then speaks on the FinCom meeting on Thursday to discuss the O&M budget and the Capital Improvements, some of which will be paid for by retained earnings and some will come from borrowing.

7:15 APPT. JARVIS FARM COMMITTEE

Present for this discussion are committee members Larry Pitman and Joe Grant. The first item of discussion the proposed updated policy and procedures. The submitted document is reviewed and discussed. They have listed allowable uses and a fee policy. Mr. Spillane speaks about no swimming without proper lifeguarding. Mr. Abbott says he would like to see that fishing is not allowed at the beach area. Mr. Brown suggests having a designated area for fishing. Mr. Mattson asks who would police this as he is not interested in having it put on him. Mr. Pitman says this should not be allowed while activities are in session. Mr. Grant says there is a sign that Jarvis Farm cannot be used while camp is in session. Mr. Pitman asks for a motion regarding the policies and procedures document. Mr. Fasanello asks about parking and Mr. Pitman says he believes there are signs designating the parking area. Mr. Fasanello would like a sign stating Jarvis Farm is an aquifer area and must not be compromised as it is a critical area for our public water supply. Mr. Mattson feels this is advertising where our wells are. Mr. Brown refers to the letter from DEP that tells what is and what is not allowed in this area. Mr. Brown asks about prohibiting marijuana now that it is legal and Mr. Grant says that would be a police issue and it cannot be used in public anyway. **Motion Made** by

William Abbott to adopt the Procedures and Policies for Jarvis Farm as presented by the Jarvis Farm Committee with the amendments discussed tonight. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-0-1, Fasanello abstained.

Mr. Pitman then refers to the Fee Schedule he is presenting. He says he took the numbers from Adams Farm in an effort to remain consistent. For private events commercial use would be \$500 per day, Walpole residents \$100 per day and non-residents \$200 per day and this would be for non-profit groups for personal use such as weddings, birthdays etc. The issue of alcohol use is discussed and it is explained that a liquor license would have to be obtained from the Board of Selectmen. There is discussion on this and Mr. Grant says the permit would come here first and then to the Selectmen for a license. Mr. Brown would like the Police Chief regarding alcohol/marijuana liability. There is also discussion on some kind of security deposit for cleanup. Mr. Mattson wonders who will administer all of this. Past events are discussed and Mr. Mattson asks if there will be any charge for non-profits like boy scouts, little league, etc. Mr. Fasanello says the rate payers are paying for this property and therefore the fee schedule should say \$100 for water rate payers and \$200 for non-water rate payers. Mr. Abbott says there needs to be a distinction of what is non-profit for consistency. Mr. Mattson says he believes that non-profits like the scouts do not have the opportunity to pay but can work off the fees. The fee schedule will be tabled until the next meeting so things can be clarified. The pond is discussed and the plan is to hopefully have it open for swimming. Mr. Mattson says the docks are still in place as the ground is too soft for the excavator. He also says this whole thing continues to be a challenge and that one individual needs to be in charge. Mr. Pitman feels that the Recreation Dept. should be in charge. Mr. Mattson says uses are governed by the State. Mr. Pitman says the bathrooms have been upgraded to accommodate the handicapped, they had asked for the driveway to be widened but have since found this is not possible, the electrical system had issues and Mr. Mattson says he was unaware of any electrical issues but will check into it, and lastly the tree work is completed. Mr. Mattson feels last year was not very well organized and if Recreation is using it as a camp then the Recreation Department should oversee it. He adds that the pond will be a huge challenge. Mr. Grant briefly speaks of the path by Washington #6. Mr. Spillane tells about the 2 applications before the Board tonight for the use of Jarvis Farm both which used it last year. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to approve Mick Morgan's request to use Jarvis for overflow parking for the HESSCO road race. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 4-1-0, Fasanello against. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to approve the request of the cub scouts for an overnight at Jarvis Farm. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 3-1-1, Fasanello against, Spillane abstained.

BD. OF APPEALS COMMENT REQUEST 234 STONE STREET

Motion Made by John Spillane to concur with comments of the Town Engineer and additional comments to be made by the Superintendent. Second by William Abbott. Vote. 5-0-0.

CONCOM COMMENT REQUEST LOST 2, 4, 5, AND 6 BOYDEN LANE

All available information was reviewed and discussed. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

BD. OF APPEALS COMMENT REQUEST 380 LINCOLN RD.

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

BD. OF APPEALS & CONCOM COMMENT REQUEST – 1034 EAST ST.

The Board reviews and discusses all available information and this is read and noted.

CONCOM COMMENT REQUEST - #20 EMERALD WAY

This is read and noted.

EVERSOURCE APPROVAL – PUMP STATION GRANT

This is read and noted.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RELEASE AT 4 COMMERCIAL ST. SHARON

Mr. Mattson says this is notification of release of trichloroethylene and the need to test for dioxane at this address and the DEP is notifying them of responsibility and interim deadline. There is discussion on the vulnerability of Washington #6 and our inability control things because they are in another town.

HOTEL FEES FOR 2375 BOSTON PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY

Mr. Mattson says the applicant is looking to pay fees that were in place in fiscal year 2016 as they budgeted when they met with staff for site plan review and their filing was on February 4, 2016. They are looking for the same consideration that was given to the Fairfield Hotel. They are also asking for a payment plan. **Motion Made** by John Spillane in an effort to remain consistent to use the fy 2016 figures for this project that were quoted at site plan review. No payment plan will be allowed. Fees are to be paid at the time that the building permit application is filed. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Mattson explains that these requirements were required for the Barberry Homes, Moosehill Rd. construction. He is recommending that these same requirements be used for all new subdivisions. Mr. Abbott asks how capacity is confirmed and Mr. Mattson responds that there is a set model criteria in place. He would like the Board to review the information and consider adopting as policy.

Inflow and infiltration fees are discussed. Mr. Mattson explains that many developers would like to do the work instead of putting up the money however there is not enough work available to accommodate everyone. Mr. Abbott speaks about water sense labeled toilets being installed in larger/older residential buildings. Mr. Mattson suggests looking at allowing the applicant to post a bond until the work becomes available. Mr. Brown suggests using the hotel job as a test for a bond. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by Tom Brown to investigate the ability to use a bond for inflow and infiltration. Second by William Abbott. Mr. Mattson says he will check with Town Counsel. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion Made by William Abbott to adjourn. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Accepted March 27, 2017