

March 13, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

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

The chairman opens the meeting. All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Minutes of February 27, 2017 are held until the next meeting due to missing pages.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that the Finance Committee approved all of the Board's articles for the SATM. Mr. Abbott asks about the condition on Lincoln Road and Mr. Mattson responds that there is nothing wrong, the contractor did a good job compacting. Paving will be done in the spring. Mr. Fasanello asks about the big trench on Old Post Road and Mr. Mattson says it is not ours, it belongs to the Town of Sharon. Mr. Fasanello says they should put ours back to what it was. Mr. Mattson will reach out to the Town of Sharon to see what their plan is. Mr. Brown asks about the groundwater levels and Mr. Mattson says it is stable and the snow that is expected tomorrow will increase it even more.

MANDATORY DEMAND MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

Mr. Abbott feels the policy looks good as written. Mr. Fasanello has a problem with the title. There is discussion on this. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to title the policy Mandatory Water Demand Management Policy. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0. Mr. Brown asks if the highlighted boards will be used and the answer is yes. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to approve the Mandatory Demand Management Policy as presented by the Superintendent. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

REQUEST FOR SEWER CONSIDERATION – 172 PLEASANT ST

Mr. Mattson explains that the customer had a leak in their bathroom valve which did not enter the sewer system and he is looking for relief on sewer charges. There is discussion. **Motion Made** by William Abbot to abate the calculated sewer amount of \$131.81 for 172 Pleasant Street. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0.

PLANNING BD. COMMENT REQUEST MAPLEWOOD CONDOS, OFF PLEASANT ST

Mr. Mattson explains that this is 12 units. Attorney Phil Macchi is present for the 7:15 appointment and also represents this site plan and asks to explain the revised plan. He says that nothing regarding sewer and water has changed. The changes were made to the sidewalk and the entire project was put in Walpole. They still intend to loop the main through Maguire Park. Mr. Spillane says then we have no further comment at this time.

PLANNING BD. COMMENT REQUEST 1034 EAST ST., SITE PLAN, LIBERTY VILLAGE

Mr. Mattson says this is 152 units. Mr. Macchi is also representing this site plan. He says there have not been any hearings on this yet and offers to come back to the Board for an overview of the entire project at a later date. Mr. Brown asks given the 2 proposed projects in the area if the water main is ample size and

the answer is yes, it is 12 inch. No action is taken at this time and Mr. Macchi will schedule an appointment in the future.

DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Mattson says this was on the agenda last meeting. Mr. Abbott refers to B under sewer and questions the “shall not utilize a pump system as proposed”. Mr. Mattson says this was specific to Moosehill Rd. and the intent was that all subdivisions are to be fed by gravity. Mr. Abbott feels this should be taken up at our public rate hearing. Mr. Mattson says he will redraft this to fit all subdivisions in time for the next rate hearing. He adds, that this is beyond the State Plumbing Code requirements.

7:15 APPT. STEVE CHOUNARD, ALLEN & MAJOR – 95 WEST ST, CORCORAN AND FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Mr. Macchi opens the discussion to give an outline of the proposed project. It is a mixed use building with commercial on the bottom and 192 units. They met with Mr. Mattson and have incorporated his comments into the plan. He is asking for a letter to the Planning Board stating that this Board is okay with the concept of the plans although they still need to apply for their connections. He then turns it over to Mr. Chounard, project manager. Mr. Chounard says this is a 2 ½ acre site and gives an overview of the project. He says they have performed hydrant flow and it rates good for fire flow. They met with Mr. Mattson and then explains their utility plan. Mr. Abbott asks if Mr. Mattson has any concerns and he answers no. There is a brief discussion with regard to the Water Management Permit from the State. Mr. Spillane asks when the new one would be issued and Mr. Mattson says probably next year. Mr. Fasanello asks about the water pressure where the building is proposed to be so high and Mr. Mattson says it should be fine. Mr. Fasanello asks if the fire line is coming right from West St. and the answer is yes. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to send a letter to the Planning Board stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer. Additionally, this Board is aware of the capacity needs for this project of 35,000 gpd and has no concerns with this. Also, the applicants have been made aware of all water and sewer related fees and is comfortable with this. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

TOWN OF SHARON REZONING ARTICLE

Mr. Mattson says the Town of Walpole has recently been made aware of an article to rezone certain property which would allow limited manufacturing, research, and testing of biological, chemical, electrical and other mechanical and/or optical components. This rezoning would be located within critical areas of our Water Resource Overlay Protection District which he feels is very concerning. Mr. Fasanello would like to make it clear that there are companies in the Town of Sharon that already have polluted our wells. Mr. Mattson is not sure what the Town of Walpole can do because it is out of town. He suggests that members of the Board go Sharon’s public hearing and speak on behalf of the Town of Walpole. Mr. Abbott says he will try to go. Mr. Brown asks if the DEP is involved Mr. Mattson responds that the DEP is assisting them. Mr. Brown wonders why DEP would allow this it does not make sense and Mr. Mattson says if were in Walpole it would not be allowed. Mr. Fasanello says it appears that we are always fixing Sharon’s problems. Mr. Mattson responds that this is why representatives should go to their hearing. Mr. Fasanello says Sharon is not being very neighborly. Mr. Mattson suggests authorizing Town Counsel to reach out to the Town of Sharon to see if this article can be postponed. Mr. Brown suggests contacting DEP to state our concerns and ask them to hold judgement. Mr. Mattson says it will be the local town meeting that will make the judgement. Mr. Cliff Snuffer is present and asks to speak. He says our Town Counsel has wonderful environmental attorneys

and this Board should seek approval to run this by them and put them in protective mode as this is incorrigible. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to contact our agent to examine the feasibility of Counsel going to the public hearing in the Town of Sharon to protect our aquifer area. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

7:45 APPT. JARVIS FARM COMMITTEE APPLICANTS

Mr. Maffei is the only applicant present tonight. He says he has raised his family in Walpole and is committed to Jarvis Farm. He grew up here and went to Sharon Country Day Camp. He is on the Trails Committee and speaks of the proposed boardwalk. There is discussion. There are other applicants interested who could not make it tonight. Mr. Abbott says they should be invited to our next meeting and we should make a decision at this meeting.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to adjourn. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

Accepted March 27, 2017