

### March 14, 2016

A regular meeting of the board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

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

The meeting is opened by the Chairman.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to accept the minutes of February 23, 2016. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

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

Mr. Mattson reports that all has been rather quiet. His crew is installing sewer at the Jarvis Farm and it is 90% complete. They are waiting for the delivery of the pump which is expected to arrive this week. They are gearing up for spring. And the next project if approved by town meeting would be Plain Street.

#### **JARVIS FARM**

This is taken out of order and present is Recreation Director Patrick Shields. Mr. Shields is asking for permission to conduct 3 movie nights at Jarvis (June 24, July 29, and August 26) using inflatable screens where residents can bring snacks and blankets. He is also asking for permission to conduct an open house for the Walpole Woods Summer Program on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Fasanello asks about the parking plans and Mr. Shields responds that he will be working with the Parks Dept. to coordinate a parking lot. Mr. Mattson adds that parking will be where it typically was when it was Sharon Country Day Camp. Mr. Fasanello says we need to protect the area and asks how many cars will be parked. Mr. Shields replies that they have room for 76 cars and any overflow would be along the road or Mick Morgan's, although he has not spoken to them yet. Mr. Fasanello is concerned on permeability and Mr. Mattson responds says he needs guidance from the Board. Mr. Fasanello says whichever is best and Mr. Mattson feels it would be a tight tank system and he will ask the engineer to look at it. Mr. Brown asks who is picking up the cost for the police detail and the answer is the Recreation Department. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to approve the Recreation Department's requests to conduct 3 movie nights on the dates provided and to approve their request to hold an open house for Walpole Woods. Second by Roger Turner. Vote 4-1-0, Fasanello against.

#### **KEVIN'S WAY ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT AND MANHOLE**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is the Cummerford subdivision and the Town Engineer has asked that we accept the sewer line, sewer easement and manhole so that it can be recorded. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to accept the easements, sewer line and manhole on Kevin's Way as requested by the Town Engineer. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

#### **REQUEST FOR RESPONSE – GAMBON, 72 MORNINGSIDE DR.**

Mr. Mattson gives a history of what has happened with regard to water quality on the street. In 2013-14 a new water main was installed. Ms. Gambon and others were seeking assistance after the water main was completed for a bill adjustment. He was of the opinion that they would make a formal request as he did not know what type of relief they were looking for. He did not feel the offer would be arbitrary. Mr. Spillane says they talk of a monetary rebate. Mr. Mattson feels you cannot just make an arbitrary offer of relief. He previously had his staff figure how much excess water was used and offered credit for the overage and Ms. Gambon was less than happy with this, so he suggested that she ask for what she is looking for. Time had lapsed and he heard nothing

until now. Mr. Spillane says Ms. Gambon is blaming lead for the problems, it was iron and manganese. Mr. Brown says we should get clarification of what she is looking for. Mr. Spillane says he wants to be careful as he does not want to set a precedent, we should send a letter asking what she is asking for. There is then discussion on Morningside Dr. being a dead end and trying to find a potential solution to looping. Mr. Fasanello says the main could be brought through Jarvis and Mr. Mattson responds that Jarvis already has water. Mr. Fasanello asks wouldn't it be reasonable to install a waterline and a hydrant at Jarvis to which Mr. Mattson responds that it would not be unreasonable. Mr. Mattson suggests getting back to Ms. Gambon's correspondence. Mr. Spillane asks that a letter be sent asking her what she is looking for and Mr. Brown adds that if she is looking for money spent on anything then she should provide receipts also.

### **7:15 APPT. JOHN BONSALE – SPECTRA**

Mr. Bonsale is present with Joe Cunningham, Cory Rivenbush, and Frank Gessner all from Spectra. Mr. Bonsale has a powerpoint presentation and provides handouts. He gives the background of the project. He talks of energy demands, pipeline infrastructure and prices of gas. Discussion is also held on routes, timelines and easement needs. Mr. Spillane asks if the line is next to the current one and the answer is yes. The pipeline and its proximity to the wells are then discussed. Mr. Bonsale says there is a 20' easement off of the existing pipeline, they are asking for another 20' easement to the new proposed pipeline and a 35' easement on the other side of the pipeline. Mr. Spillane asks why 35' and the answer is it would be the working side for equipment, etc. Mr. Spillane confirms that they are looking for a 75' easement and the answer is yes. Mr. Abbott asks which side of the wells the additional easement is and he is told it is further away from the wells. Spectra then assures the Board that any hazardous material necessary would be stored outside of the wellhead protection area and any minor refueling in the wellhead area would include an impervious pad. Mr. Abbott asks what they consider to be outside the wellhead protection area and the answer is 400' and they will put up a sign stating it is protected. Mr. Abbott replies that at 401' it is still sensitive. Mr. Fasanello asks why it would be necessary to refuel in the protection area and the answer is that chances that it would happen is little to none but there would be an impervious pad if it happened. Mr. Fasanello feels they are making it easier for themselves and to our detriment. He and Mr. Abbott do not want any refueling in the wellhead protection area. Spectra says they will make adjustments and bring it back to the Board. Mr. Turner feels that there should be orange construction fence around the protection area as signs are easily missed. Digging and cutting down trees in the easements is then discussed. Mr. Turner says he does not want to see any wetlands or forest disturbed. Mr. Brown asks if they were mandated by the Department of Energy to change this and the answer is no. Mr. Brown then asks the type of pressure and Spectra responds between 640 and 750 psi. He also asks if a natural gas odorant is used and the answer is yes. Mr. Abbott asks if they have gone to the DEP to see if they can do this within the 400' radius and Mr. Turrel who is the environmental lead says they have briefed the DEP but have not gotten into detail yet and it probably won't occur until around Christmas time. Mr. Abbott says according to DEP the only things allowed within the 400' radius is biking, hiking and hunting. Mr. Brown asks how much pipe can be laid in a day. Mr. Gessner answers that they expect pipe down from Route 1 and Washington St. to take 3 to 4 weeks. Mr. Brown asks if the pipe will be welded or bolted and he is told it will be welded ultrasonically. Mr. Brown then asks by machine or person and he answers machine. Mr. Abbott says in the right of way there are ponds and streams and wonders how they intend to cross them. A small construction crew will lift the top soil and they will dewater. Mr. Spillane asks if they will remove the excess soil and he is told there will not be any excess as they will restore the area to its existing grade. Mr. Spillane then asks who will grant the additional 25' and the answer is the property owner. It is explained that an independent appraiser is hired to negotiate the price. Mr. Fasanello wants to make sure we get the rights to cross the right of way and the answer is yes. Mr. Spillane asks what happens if the land owner is not interested and the answer is that they have the right of eminent domain which only happens occasionally. Mr. Fasanello speaks of the land disturbance and the impact on the aquifer. He feels the assessment may not take into account foreign materials getting into the water from digging as liquid follows pipes and it could increase the flow of contaminants to the wellfield. There is then discussion on trench plugs, bentonite clay dams and Metal Bellows. Spectra says things are still in the early stages. Ms. Bandler of 555 Winter St. talks about bringing comments to the DPU. Ms. Harbst of 1260

Washington St. expresses concern over maintenance of the pipes. Mr. Spillane wants them to realize our concerns of the wells being the sole source aquifer. Ms. Riley of 13 School St. says she has been to many of their presentations for a small part of the year and feels the project is designed to provide gas in the winter. Spectra is thanked for their presentation.

#### **7:45 APPT. DAN MERRIKIN, RE 150 COMMON ST**

Mr. Merrikin speaks of the carriage house at 150 Common Street where this Board had required separate water and sewer line. He argues that this is one parcel and it already has a sewer and water line and sees no reason why they would be required to add a separate sewer line and second water line. Mr. Fasanello says we have been there before and one piece of property was eventually sold as two. Mr. Merrikin says zoning will not allow this to be subdivided and Mr. Mattson responds that zoning has been changed in the past. Mr. Fasanello says he is more comfortable with two services. Mr. Merrikin says this is zoned GR two-family and the only split would be if it became a condo. He is asked who would be responsible for the utilities and the answer is that it would be a condo association. **Motion Made** by Tom Brown to add a second shut off for water and keep the sewer as is. Second by William Abbott. Mr. Fasanello does not understand why we are changing the rules for this as we have been burnt before and we should learn from our mistake. Mr. Abbott feels this would be the same as if it were an apartment building. Vote on the motion 4-1-0, Fasanello against.

#### **8:00 APPT. IAN COOKE – CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Cooke from NepWRA is proposing a school program to Walpole for conservation. He provides a handout and an overview of the program. Mr. Spillane says his handout says free and the following page is showing what it will cost us and Mr. Cooke says the money is to pay for teachers. Mr. Brown asks why he is not using the STEM grant and Mr. Cooke answers that he is not familiar with this. Mr. Brown says he notices that the entire program is classroom work with nothing outside and Mr. Cooke answers that it is very difficult to get the children outside. Mr. Brown speaks about his SWEET Program and his desire to have Jarvis Farm used for hands on programs. Mr. Fasanello speaks of him trying to conserve a renewable resource and Mr. Cooke says it is because it is in short supply. There is some discussion on records of stream flow. Mr. Hasenjaeger says much of the taxpayer's money is spent on great teachers that are highly trained and he feels there is no need to hire outside teachers; our schools can handle this. Mr. Spillane says we will take this under advisement and the Board will take no action at this time. Mr. Brown suggests that Mr. Cooke investigate the STEM grant.

#### **DARWIN LANE PROPERTY**

This is a lot of land that Mr. Hasenjaeger owns and is seeking to make a deal with the Town with as it abuts Washington Well #5 and has been identified by DEP as property that should be purchased. The Town was unable to come to an agreement with the previous owner. Mr. Spillane says he is interested but not at the price Mr. Hasenjaeger is looking for. Mr. Mattson says there has been discussion regarding a land swap with the Town. Mr. Fasanello asks if it is water and sewer land and Mr. Mattson says therein lies the problem; it is not under the control of the Water and Sewer Department which would require input from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hasenjaeger says the Assessor has id'd property of similar value. Mr. Spillane says he is hopeful we can do a land swap and Mr. Hasenjaeger answers that he is looking at some properties that have been identified and it is a work in progress.

Mr. Spillane tells Mr. Hasenjaeger he has been reading the emails between him and administration and the water line has to be looped. Mr. Hasenjaeger says Mr. Marini cannot go through the Housing Authority and Mr. Fasanello asks if he has talked to them. Mr. Hasenjaeger says years ago he talked to the Mass Housing Asset Management Division and he was told under no circumstances and also he is not going to improve infrastructure for housing. Mr. Mattson responds that he is not; this is to benefit the Town of Walpole. There is discussion. Mr. Mattson offers that the developer run an 8" line from East Street down Eastover Rd and in remain a private line in a public road. He says the Town will be no better off if it is kept private. **Motion Made** by John Spillane that an 8" line is installed from East Street down Eastover Road and dead end at this property and that it remains private. Second by Tom Brown. Mr. Mattson reminds that they will have to obtain

an easement from the town to put a dedicated line in the public road. Vote on the Motion 4-1-0, Fasanello against. There is discussion on the sewer extension permit which was never filed. Mr. Hasenjaeger says Mr. Marini says it was filed and the secretary says it was never filed with her. Mr. Hasenjaeger will tell him to file it.

### **CONCOM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, NOI LOTS 8 AND 9 OLMSTED LANE**

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer with regard to Lots 8 and 9 Olmsted Lane. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.

### **22 FIELD DR, WATER QUALITY ISSUE UPDATE**

Mr. Mattson says this is a response to DEP with regard to 22 Field Drive. He hands out a report from Wright-Pierce Engineers providing options on suggested treatments to remedy this problem. He asks that the Board read through this as he would like to set up a session with DEP to see what would be required to add the chemical. Mr. Abbott says it seems to be addressing the 6" unlined cast iron pipes. Mr. Mattson says this is a short term solution that is far less expensive. There is discussion and Mr. Brown asks if adding the sodium silicate that is recommended will help with anything else. Mr. Mattson explains that it coats the unlined pipes and Mr. Brown asks how much time it will buy and Mr. Mattson says it could be 20 years. There is then discussion on where the clear water to backwash would come from and the fact that this would buy time to replace pipes. Mr. Fasanello feels it is unreasonable to subject the entire town to the addition.

### **LEAD RESULT ELM STREET SCHOOL**

Mr. Mattson reports that this faucet has since been replaced. It was a first draw sample that was from a faucet that probably had been sitting for quite some time.

### **HIGH MEADOW SUBDIVISION APPROVAL**

It is explained that this has been approved by the Planning Board, however they have not come to the Sewer & Water Commission yet and a sewer extension permit has not yet been filed. The engineer for this project has scheduled an appointment for this Board's next scheduled meeting.

### **LEAGUE SCHOOL SITE PLAN DECISION**

This is considered read and noted.

### **AUTHORIZATION FOR WRIGHT-PIERCE TO FILE FOR GRANT**

This is read and noted.

### **JITEN HOTEL SPECIAL PERMIT AND SITE PLAN DECISION**

This is read and noted.

### **RAVEN'S NEST/WALPOLE COOPERATIVE BANK FROM ATTY MACCHI**

Mr. Mattson says he does not know why this was delivered to us. The Board considers it read and noted.

Mr. Mattson reports that at our April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting our attorney and consultant will be attending to discuss our sewer and water entrance fees as they have reviewed them and have recommendations. They are suggesting executive session for the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Mattson then reports that he has spoken with the Town Administrator tonight and Capital Budget Committee has taken favorable action on our capital improvements.

Mr. Brown asks if Mr. Mattson is looking for recommendations for the proposals for the sewer master plan review. Mr. Abbott says he liked Weston and Sampson's proposal. Mr. Fasanello says the Vollmer report is great and just needs an update. Mr. Mattson says if the Board is selecting Weston and Sampson we will ask the Town Administrator to get a cost proposal. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to proceed with Weston and Sampson Engineer for this project. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

Mr. Fasanello would like to have a letter sent to the DEP regarding Spectra putting a gas line within the 400' radius of our wells. Additionally he absolutely against any refueling within this radius as there is always the potential for a burst hydraulic line. It is decided that the subject be put on the next agenda so all concerns of the Board can be put together for a letter to DEP.

**Motion Made** by Roger Turner to adjourn. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

*Accepted 3/28/16*