

November 27, 2017

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

Present: Tom Brown, Patrick Fasanello, John Spillane, John Hasenjaeger 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 November 13, 2017 as amended. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion Made by William Abbott to accept the executive session minutes of November 13, 2017 as will be amended and not to be released at this time. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that the Old Post Road tank is complete and in the curing stage and should be all set by the end of the week and will begin to fill next week. This project went very well with a few more issues. Any neighbor concerns were addressed. We are waiting for approval from the DEP for the mixing system and then it will go out to bid. We won't be able to do this until spring as there would be ice blocks that the mixer won't get through. The water main project on William St. is completed and services will be connected at the end of the week. Thornell Ave. and Barstow Rd. are complete and Cascade Terr. will be next. The engineers are currently collecting data for the pilot study for the 1.4 dioxane which will commence on December 4th for 10 days. They plan to tap between the aerators in attempt t to not blend the water. They will then move to Washington 6 and pilot this. They are two different projects and will tell us where to put the remediation. There is some discussion with regard to using the raw untreated water for the pilot. Mr. Mattson continues that his staff has completed the Plain St. and Moosehill Rd. The easement interconnection for Harding Rd. and Barstow Rd. is being recorded. Mr. Hasenjaeger asks if the Water Dept. keeps the records and Mr. Mattson says yes.

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Mr. Fasanello asks if there will be any articles. Mr. Mattson says he is in the process of preparing the 5 year capital budget and the O&M budget, which when completed will be provided to the board. The capital improvements will be up to the board. He adds that the standard operation budget will be on the warrant. Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Abbott based on the information if he feels there is possibility that we will need a consultant for the MWRA connection. Mr. Abbott says the information is from the Town of Ashland which has a lot similarities. Mr. Mattson says he has included engineering and piping modifications on capital. Mr. Hasenjaeger asks the secretary to make 5 copies of the report. Mr. Mattson is guessing we would need about \$20,000 for a consultant. Mr. Hasenjaeger asks Mr. Mattson if he feels we need a consultant and Mr. Mattson answers that the MWRA would most likely want a consultant with a PE stamp. He does not feel it would be a lot of money. An Executive Narrative Study would be needed. Mr. Abbott reminds we will also need approval from the Legislature, Governor, Water Resource Commission, DEP and the Town of Norwood. Mr. Brown asks about the water comparison and Mr. Mattson answers that this would not be an issue as we use the same disinfectant.

7:15 PAUL ROACHE/KEVIN WHALLEY – WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. Whalley explains that he is asking to attach to the hydrant 4 to 5 times per year using about 50,000 gallons per event or 250,000 gallons per year. Mr. Abbott asks if they are using the existing irrigation lines and the answer is yes. Mr. Abbott asks Mr. Mattson if he sees a problem with a cross contamination using the same lines as those from Allen Pond. Mr. Brown says there needs to be a backflow preventer. There is discussion on flushing the main and the effect on the neighbors which there appears there would be none.

Mr. Brown asks how old the main on Baker St. is and if this usage would be detrimental to the main. Mr. Mattson says it is on capital to be replaced on 2023. Mr. Abbott asks Mr. Mattson if he foresees any problems and the answer is no. **Motion Made** by William Abbott that the Walpole Country Club contact our Superintendent prior to using this water to ensure that it is not a bad time and allow the proposed usage. Also the Superintendent should be consulted for proper set up/connection type. (He is thinking a meter cage and a backflow preventer). Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

FEE PROTEST FOR 40, 44, 51, AND 52 EMERALD WAY – WHITMAN HOMES

This is read and noted and will be passed to the Attorney.

CHRIS WOODCOCK CONNECTION FEE ANALYSIS FROM 2015

Mr. Mattson says he put this on the agenda so the Board could see the formula and methodology used for fee connections. Our attorney reached out to Mr. Woodcock and he agreed to work with us. Mr. Brown asks when this will be talked about and Mr. Mattson says there is no timeframe; the attorney still has to go through disclosure and all. This is purely informational.

MWRA WATER SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION

This was discussed earlier during the Status Report. Mr. Abbott says he will try to get information from Ashland. Mr. Mattson says the Town of Norwood just hired a new Town Manager. Mr. Mattson says he will be speaking with Norwood's DPW Director regarding the wheeling fee. He says Mr. Carroll the former Town Manager mention 15% and he thought that was a bit high.

Mr. Brown asks about his previous request for the audit. Mr. Mattson says he has been unable to obtain what the Board is looking for which is the dollar values of the percentages. Mr. Fasanello asks why this is not available. Mr. Mattson says it is coming; he will have it for the next meeting. Mr. Fasanello says it has been postponed for so long. Mr. Mattson says the Town Accountant would like to run it by the Town Administrator first. Mr. Brown says his request was made in August. Mr. Fasanello does not believe it should be that hard. If the percentages are known they were generated by some specific data. Mr. Hasenjaeger says it is not Mr. Mattson's fault that this is not available. He has relayed the message. The Board expects to be provided with the information promptly and Mr. Mattson says he will relay the message.

7:45 PATRICK SHIELDS, JARVIS FARM UPDATE

Mr. Shields provides a handout which gives an overview of Walpole Woods and the financial breakdown of the site. Mr. Spillane asks if there is any consideration given to less fortunate children and Mr. Shields says he is a scholarship program for those with a hardship. Mr. Spillane then asks about the swimming was and Mr. Shields it was excellent. He then provides an overview of the staff, activities, ratios, registrations and financial breakdown. Mr. Abbott asks if there are a lot of returnees and the answer is yes. Mr. Brown asks when they will advertise for next year and the answer is January. There is discussion on previous costs to maintain this farm by the Sewer & Water Commission. Mr. Mattson says the first year we had investment costs. Mr. Brown asks what the costs were and Mr. Mattson responds \$6500 for the sewer connection. Mr. Brown then asks how much was budgeted for the maintenance and the answer by Mr. Mattson was that in FY18, \$30,000 was budgeted. Mr. Abbott asks Mr. Shields about getting certification. Mr. Shields says his ultimate goal is to get certified by the American Camp Association however there is an exemption for municipalities. There is discussion on the uses at Jarvis Farm and the amount budgeted for sewer and water. Mr. Mattson says that for FY19 he has cut the budgeted amount in half. Mr. Mattson reports that the water line needs to be upgraded. Mr. Fasanello sees no reason to need water here and he is told it is needed to run a camp. Mr. Fasanello feels if the camp wants running water then the camp should pay for it. Mr. Fasanello asks who is paying for these improvements and Mr. Mattson says the ratepayers. Mr. Fasanello then asks who authorized it and Mr. Mattson says he did. Mr. Brown feels we need to financially fair to the ratepayers. There is discussion on the goals of Walpole Woods. Mr. Brown speaks on the possibility of getting out of the business and leasing Jarvis to the Town of Walpole. This way they

would have to maintain it themselves. Mr. Fasanello feels the ratepayers are subsidizing Jarvis. Mr. Mattson says there is very little maintenance by our staff; public works does the vast majority. Mr. Spillane feels if it is leased this Board will lose control. There is discussion on whether or not the town can lease to the town. Mr. Abbott says he would be opposed to the town leasing to the town as it would add overhead. Mr. Hasenjaeger says the Commission should retain control of the property and how it is used. Mr. Abbott would like to see a formal proposal for future consideration. Mr. Shield says he is in the process of doing his budget now and Mr. Brown says the maintenance of the farm should be in his budget. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to put a proposed lease arrangement together for the next meeting. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 2-3-0, Spillane, Hasenjaeger and Abbott against. Motion fails. Mr. Fasanello asks Mr. Mattson if the \$30,000 budgeted was all spent and he responds no very little was used. Mr. Fasanello wants to see the numbers at the next meeting. Mr. Hasenjaeger says the Board is just trying to break even. Mr. Mattson says the \$30,000 was an arbitrary number when the farm was first purchased. He says the first year they did the sewer and took down some trees that were a liability. The chemicals in the pond are discussed. **Motion Made** by John Hasenjaeger to allow Walpole Woods to run for another year subject to review of the financing within the next 2 months. Second by William Abbott. Vote 4-0-1, Fasanello abstains.

Motion Made by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Accepted January 16, 2018