

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
October 9, 2012

Present: Leo Collette, Charlie Packard, George Cornwall, Val Daigle, Dave Berger
Steve Nims, Supt. and Mary Calandrella

Guest: Doug Briggs, Town Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

6:05pm

Approved October 9, 2012 Agenda,
Motion by Leo Collette to approve the agenda, 2nd by Val Daigle, vote was unanimous.

Motion by Leo Collette to approved the minutes of July 17, 2012, August 21, 2012 and
September 11, 2012, 2nd by George Cornwall, vote was unanimous.

Leo explained in great detail the W/S statistics report that he had prepared for the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Doug Briggs spoke during open discussion with regard to the remaining \$ 200, 000 from the water tank project as to ways to spend down the balance. He reminded the commission that there is a Meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 10:00am with Tighe & Bond. He addressed the sewer betterment fund shortfall due to monies being spent out of free cash in previous years and how that will need to be address in a possible rate restructure. The last payment is in 2019.

Steve and Doug are working on a 2 year Capital Improvement plan- One of the topics discussed was Pump Stations modifications.

Charlie questioned the \$ 23.00 fee on all bills. Doug was unsure of the fee but later determined it was a \$ 32.00 water filtration fee that all users are assessed.

Doug requested to be on the November agenda to discuss W/S rates and possible sewer study.

Steve address the commission on the Gardner sewer bill and told them that we will be converting the read into cubic feet prior to sending over to Gardner. This will avoid any future bill errors.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Charlie asked Steve about the pressure values and it was stated there were never turned on only in place in the event that they were needed. Dead issue.

Charlie also asked Steve about the new meter install program. Steve stated that there remain a small amount still left to install and they will be getting back to finish that program soon.

Val and George asked on a possible improvement item to be a variable speed pumps.

Steve answered Charlie on the Barber shop sewer line. He told the commission that it had its own line from the back parking lot manhole into the street.

The commissioners asked on how we can cut back on I/I. Steve stated that the Water/Sewer Dept will be working with the Mass Rural Water Association on their offer to do a free leak detection program throughout the town.

NEXT MEETING

November 13 2012

ADJOURN

Motion by: Leo Collette
2nd by: Val Daigle

7:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by: *Mary Calandrella*