

Water and Sewer Commission
53 Elm Street
Blackstone, MA 01504
Minutes from November 13, 2014
6:30 pm

Water and Sewer members in attendance:

Charles Sawyer	Dan Keefe	Tom Devlin	Bruce Paterson	John Parmentier
X	X	X	X	X

Also present:

Superintendent James Sullivan

Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland

The meeting for the Water and Sewer Commission was opened at 6:30 pm.

7 Farm Street:

Present: Ann Gonyea, mother of Dan Gonyea
Dan Gonyea, resident at 7 Farm St.

Ms. Gonyea presented the Water and Sewer Commission with the following documents:
(See Attached)

- A letter dated November 5, 2014 from Marc N. Nyberg Associates, Inc.
- A letter dated September 10, 2014 from Gibson Septic Service.
- A letter dated August 30, 2014 from Emerald Irrigation.
- DPW Presentation sheet dated September 10, 2014.

Ms. Gonyea indicated that Marc Nyberg installed the initial septic system back in 1999. She explained that there is no way her son could have used this much water. She further contests that the septic cannot handle this amount of water.

The Superintendent of Public Works responded that there was an initial leak detection done on the property dated November 20, 2013. There was a leak detected at the meter. The upstairs toilet was also cycling, draining slowly and refilling. The meter was also tested on June 24, 2014. This report indicated that the meters accuracy was 99%.

The Commission did review the leak detection reports again which were supplied.

On a motion made by Bruce Paterson, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Board voted to uphold their original vote not to abate the bill for 7 Farm St. (Member Devlin recused himself from vote, member Parmentier did not vote)

15 Valley Street:

Present: Mrs. McKinnon

Mrs. McKinnon was present and explained that she still does not have the paperwork which explains the loan modification which was done. The company Bank of America sold the loan and she has not been able to get the paperwork. She will continue to request the paperwork. She agreed to continue making payments on the account. The Commission wanted to see what the resident would owe without the penalty and interest on the account.

238 Lincoln Street:

Present: Mr. Antonucci

The Commission was in receipt of an abatement form Mr. Antonucci dated November 7, 2014. Mr. Antonucci indicated that all of his past water bills were \$70.00. This past bill was \$396.06. The Water Department did go to the property and re-read the meter. The date of when the meter was read for billing was 98790 and the meter when checked was 99670. The meter is running properly. The Department did a leak detection test. The first floor toilet looks brand new. The parts of the upstairs bathroom look to have been replaced. The water to the third bathroom was shut off. This bathroom was not viewed.

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously to not abate the water bill for 238 Lincoln Street.

93 Edgewater Dr.:

Present: Colleen Cournoyer

The Commission was in receipt of an abatement form submitted by Ms. Cournoyer dated November 10, 2014.

The Water Department did go to the property and re-read the meter. The date of when the meter was read for billing was 375980 and the meter when checked was 381680. The meter is running properly. The Department did a leak detection test and no leak was detected.

The property owner did inform the Commission that she has did fill her hot tub. The number of residents using the water has gone down since her son moved in with his father.

The Superintendent would like to do another visit of the property. This will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously to not abate the water bill for 93 Edgewater St.

Water and Sewer Connection Fees:

The Commission is in receipt of a collection of water and sewer connection fees from the surrounding towns. This Commission would like to review the documents and place this on the December 11, 2014 agenda.

Budget FY 2016:

The Chairman informed the Commission that the preliminary draft budget has been submitted.

Acceptance of Minutes:

October 9, 2014:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from October 9, 2014.

October 30, 2014:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from October 30, 2014.

Member Keefe wanted it noted that the Water and Sewer Commission website is up to date with posting the agendas and minutes.

Finance Committee Meeting:

The Water and Sewer Commission will be meeting with the Blackstone Finance Committee on Monday December 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

