

Water and Sewer Commission
53 Elm St.
Blackstone, MA 01504

Minutes from February 20, 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 Sullivan

Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland

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

Capital Request Items:

The Commission was in receipt of the most recently revised copy of the 2015 capital warrant submittal. The Water and Sewer articles included:

ARTICLE 3:

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of a water truck for the Highway, Water and Sewer or take any action in relation thereto.

This article will be split between the three departments: water, sewer and highway.

ARTICLE 4:

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$80,000 for Well #5 drilling another well, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Commission discussed that this article is the second priority.

ARTICLE 5:

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$80,000 for Well #4 drilling another well, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Commission discussed that this article is the top priority.

ARTICLE 6:

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$150,000 for repairs to the Main Sewer pumping station, or take any action in relation thereto.

This article will need further discussion.

FY2015 Budget:

The Chairman was in receipt of a budget dated January 28, 2014 which was approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Conflict of Interest Papers:

The Commission is in receipt of the conflict of interest papers which were provided by the town clerk.

The members signed these papers and will be provided to the town clerk.

Harris Pond II:

The Commission is seeking an estimate from Weston and Sampson to provide the review of the proposal for pumping station. The applicant will need to provide the necessary funds.

Meter Replacement Program:

The Department of Public Works continues to work on the meter replacement program. The department will be setting up a date in Saturday for those who are not available during the week.

Update from Superintendent:

- A&D Instruments provided estimates to complete the work. The Superintendent is in the process of getting purchase orders.

- Signs for the wells are being created.
- The Superintendent is working of getting the sign for Well#8.
- Billing is on schedule and the next demand fee will be added to bills.
- It is recommended to get a price for a mobile collector which provides innovative collection of drive-by routes. The Commission is in support of getting a quote for this portable drive-by meter data collection device.

Minutes:

January 9, 2014:

The minutes from January 9, 2014 will be tabled until the February meeting.

Secretary Payment:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by John Parmentier, the Commission voted unanimously to pay the secretary for the \$127.50.

Good & Welfare Members:

- It was suggested that the minutes be sent out electronically prior to the meeting.
- The Commission wanted to have a correspondence folder which could be viewed before the meeting.
- The Commission requests that a letter be sent to the town accountant seeking a further breakdown of the financial numbers.

Future Meeting:

- Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary