

# Water and Sewer Commission

53 Elm Street

Blackstone, MA 01504

Minutes from May 8, 2014

6:30 pm

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## Water and Sewer members in attendance:

Charles Sawyer	Dan Keefe	Tom Devlin	Bruce Paterson	John Parmentier
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## Also present:

Superintendent Sullivan

**Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland**

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The meeting for the Water and Sewer was opened at 6:50 pm.

## Abatements:

### 64 Glenside:

Resident Kevin Giroux submitted an application for water bill abatement dated April 16, 2014. The applicant informed the board that he has paid the contested bill. The bill he is questioning is water bill #449833, the usage is 179,000 gallons.

The Commission is in receipt of a meter report from the Department of Public Works dated March 3, 2014. This report indicated that no leaks were detected, but it was noted that the toilet and outside spicket was fixed.

The Commission did discuss that this property does have irrigation. The Commission would like to look into this further and make a final determination at their June 12, 2014 meeting.

### 7 Farm St:

Resident, Daniel Gonyea was present at the meeting seeking an abatement of \$2604.14. The resident has not paid his bill. The board is in receipt of a leak detection report dated November 20, 2014. This was completed by the Department of Public Works. The report indicated that there was a leak at the meter. The report also noted that the upstairs toilet was cycling, draining, and slowly refilling. At the time of the high usage, there were four people residing in the home.

There was a meter re-read done on April 5, 2014 at the site which indicates that the meter is working.

The resident is contesting that there is no way 473,000 gallons was used. He has seen no signs of the leak.

It was recommended that the Superintendent of Public Works perform a site visit and report back to the Commission. This will be placed on the June 12<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**COMMITMENT:**

**On a motion made by Bruce Paterson and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the commitment for April 2014 in the amount of \$194,577.09 for water and \$223,716.17 for sewer.**

**Meter Replacement Program:**

The Department of Public Works continues to work on the meter replacement program. Three have been meters replaced out within the last three months. The Commission was in receipt of a memo dated March 11, 2014 from Ocean Meter Services & Supply about a promotion in 2014 which is entitled "Continued Success in 2014". This program would be to purchase 150 100w at normal pricing with the return of the old handheld, dock, and power cords. The town would receive a new FC300 handheld with dock. The total would be \$13,950.00.00. The Commission thought this would be a good idea. The discussion moved into the disposing of the surplus meters for scrap. There are currently a few hundred. There are companies which will take the meters and give us credit.

**Tank Repainting:**

The Commission was informed by the Department of Public Works Superintendent that Marcel Payeur was awarded the bid for the Blackstone Lower Street water storage tank. The letter dated April 8, 2014 informed the awarding of this in the amount of \$267,000.00. Weston and Sampson completed the necessary contract documents for the contractor to complete. To date, the paperwork has not been executed by the town. Once this is executed, the work can begin.

**Harris Pond II:**

The representatives from Harris Pond II were present this included Contractor John McTiernan, Howard Baily and Engineer Steve O'Connell from Andrews Survey and Engineering.

The Commission is in receipt of the report from Engineer, Jeff McClure, from Weston and Sampson dated May 7, 2014. This report is the peer review of the proposed sewer improvements

of the Meadow at Harris Pond Estates 11. The review included review of the definitive flexible residential subdivision plan stamped March 26, 2014; Proposed pumping station document dated November 12, 2013 by Hayes Pump, Inc. and Meadows at Harris Pond Estates II Gravity Sewer Calculations dated March 24, 2014.

This report was in review of the proposed sewer improvements. This will include the installation of the proposed pump station. The report noted that the gravity sewer pipe appears to be appropriately sized for Meadow II development. It was suggested that the sizing of the pumps should consider future development. The flow capacity of 250 gpm per pump appears to be appropriate to handle the flow for 250 homes. It was recommended that for future capacity, the town should consider having the rail trail pump station sized appropriately now. The size of the wet well should be larger to handle a larger volume; also the electrical system including the generator.

The Water and Sewer commission would like to set up a workshop meeting with the planning board for Thursday May 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the highway barn.

**Minutes:**

**April 10, 2014:**

**On a motion made by Bruce Paterson and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from April 10, 2014.**

**Secretary Payment:**

**On a motion made by Bruce Paterson and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to pay the secretary for the \$127.50.**

**Future Meeting:**

- Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

**On a motion made by Bruce Paterson, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary  
APPROVED 6-12-2014

