

Water and Sewer Commission
53 Elm Street
Blackstone, MA 01504

Minutes from June 12, 2014
7:00 pm

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

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

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture:

Representative Steve Bonavita was present at the meeting to discuss refinancing of debt. He is the area specialist from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development division. Mr. Bonavita explained that the town could be eligible for various grant programs which would allow for a lower loan rate. The current loan amounts would need to be researched. The Commission agreed that this is something that can be explored further.

Mr. Bonavita will be setting up a meeting with the Town Administrator and the Town Accountant. It was recommended that Lynne Foster from Unibank also be included in the meeting.

Abatement Form, Kevin Giroux, 64 Glenside Dr.:

The Commission is in receipt of an abatement form from resident Kevin Giroux who resides at 64 Glenside Dr. The resident did come to the previous meeting to discuss the usage. Upon further discussion, the Commission does believe that the water went through the meter. The Commission recommended that the resident could get the meter tested for \$100.00.

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to not approve the abatement for Kevin Giroux who resides at 64 Glenside Dr.

The secretary will follow-up with the applicant about seeing if they want to get the meter tested.

Abatement Form, Daniel Gonyea, 7 Farm St:

The Commission is in receipt of an abatement form from Daniel Gonyea who resides at 7 Farm Street. The resident did come to the previous meeting to discuss the usage. The Superintendent did go to the site and submitted a follow-up report dated May 8, 2014. The report referenced that the toilet ring was elevated. The floater also appeared to be adjusted. The tank elevation was ½ inch higher than the overflow pipe. It was recommended to not abate. The Commission does believe that the water went through the meter. The Commission recommended that the resident could get the meter tested for \$100.00 and see what the results of the report indicate. The resident did agree to get the meter tested.

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to get the meter tested at 7 Farm Street.

Abatement form, Resident Kimberly St. Onge, 80 Miller Ave:

The Commission is in receipt of an abatement form from resident Kimberly St. Onge who resides at 80 Miller Avenue. She indicated in her form that the current water bill was never received. The resident is seeking an abatement on the penalty and interest which is \$13.36.

The secretary did research on the account and the resident has consistently been up to date on payment.

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously abate the penalty and interest for 80 Miller Avenue in the amount of \$13.36.

118 King Street:

The Commission is in receipt of an email dated May 28, 2014 from Anne Doyle. The resident in the email explained that she is not able to pull a building permit since she owes money on her water and sewer bill.

The Commission discussed that with other residents, the payments must be up to date for residents to pull permits. This is something that the bylaws stipulate.

Abatement Form, Resident Richard Pellerin, 41 Main Street:

Mr. Pellerin was present at the meeting to ask for an abatement from the most recent water bill. The Commission was in receipt of a meter report dated April 5, 2014 which did indicate that there was a small leak at the meter. It was also communicated that the bathroom in the basement was not checked for any leaks, since the resident did not bring them to the basement.

The Commission suggested that the resident get the meter tested.

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to get the meter tested at 41 Main Street.

Resident, Salvo Squadrito, 17 Fox Run Rd.:

This resident came to the office and explained that she mistakenly paid in cash, a bill in the amount of \$35.44 for account number 02-00216. This was back in 2012. The resident just discovered this when she paid her most recent water and sewer bill. She is requesting that \$35.44 be credited from her account.

The Commission did not want to provide the credit to her account in the amount of \$35.44.

Contract Tank:

The paperwork for the tank has been submitted.

Well #9 Meeting with abutters:

The Commission discussed setting up a meeting with the abutters of the potential Well #9 site. The Commission would like Jeff McClure to be present for the meeting. A date and time will be determined.

Scheduling of Meeting Dates and Location:

The Commission discussed that it is beneficial keeping the meetings at the highway barn since there are numerous times when information is needed from various reports.

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to keep the Water and Sewer Commission meetings at the highway barn and they also approved the new schedule of meeting dates.

Harris Pond II:

The Chairman did inform the Commission that there was discussion about Harris Pond II at the most recent Planning Board meeting.

Good and Welfare Members:

Some of the Commissioners witnessed the amount of time and effort it takes to fix a sewer break. It was suggested to have cross training/ or an emergency staff response in place. It was also suggested that it would be beneficial to have a small truck available to be able to get any equipment needed from the barn.

Minutes:

May 8, 2014

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from May 8, 2014 with noted revisions.

May 15, 2014:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from May 15, 2014 with noted revisions.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Amy Sutherland

Recording Secretary

accepted
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