

Water and Sewer Commission

53 Elm Street

Blackstone, MA 01504

Minutes from July 10, 2014

7:00 pm

Water and Sewer members in attendance:

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

Also present:

Superintendent Sullivan

Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland

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

Site Visit Potential Well #9:

Consultant McClure was present at the meeting.

The Water and Sewer Commission sent letters to the abutters of the potential Well #9. They were informed that this is the initial phase of investigating a new public water supply.

Consultant McClure was present and prepared documents to show a comparison chart of the capacity of the well sites. He also explained that there is a need for this new site do to the declining water supply. There has been an increase in water needs over the last 15 years. The average use over the last 15 years has gone from 370 gpm to 430 gpm. The maximum usage has gone from 625 gpm to 1,040 gpm.

The potential Well #9 site has been tested and there is a potential for 300 gpm. The town will need to get a new source approval for this site. The DEP requires a 400 ft. protective radius. There will need to be a conservation restriction request required, This is a legal document between the property owners and the town. The site also needs to be approved by MA DEP and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The limitations require include no septic systems, and no building or road construction. There is also to be no fertilizers or pesticides.

The Commission was provided with a copy of the Model Zone I Conservation Restriction for Public Drinking Water Supply Protection.

There were four abutters present at the meeting. The Commission went to site and walked the proposed site.

Reorganization:

Chairman:

On a motion made by Dan Keefe and seconded by John Parmentier, the Water and Sewer Commission voted by Roll Call Vote to appoint Charles Sawyer as Chairman to the Water and Sewer Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Vice Chairman:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Water and Sewer Commission voted by Roll Call Vote to appoint John Parmentier as Vice Chairman to the Water and Sewer Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Clerk:

On a motion made by John Parmentier and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Water and Sewer Commission voted by Roll Call Vote to appoint Tom Devlin as Clerk to the Water and Sewer Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yearly Meeting Posting:

On a motion made by John Parmentier and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Water and Sewer Commission voted to accept the yearly posting schedule for 2014-2015 as written.

Transfer of Funds:

On a motion made by John Parmentier and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Water and Sewer Commission voted to transfer funds needed for the Woonsocket Waste Water.

83 Main Street:

The Board is in receipt of an application for abatement from Gary Gignac who resides at 83 Main Street. The resident was not present at the meeting. The amount he is seeking abatement on is \$2408.27.

The Commission was informed that the current bill has not been paid. The resident has only paid \$150.00 on the bill.

This is a multi-family dwelling.

On a motion made Tom Devlin and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Board voted unanimously to not abate the \$2,408.27.

Solar Farm:

There is a movement to pursue solar farm panels for Veteran's Park. This is being researched by Bill Walsh.

**On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Water and Sewer Commission voted to support the pursuing of the solar farm panels.
(John Parmentier is a no vote)**

Good and Welfare Members:

Minutes:


June 12, 2014

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Dan Keefe, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from June 12, 2014 with noted revisions.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

 8-15-14
Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary