

Water and Sewer Commission
53 Elm Street
Blackstone, MA 01504
Minutes from Thursday October 13, 2016
6:30 pm

Water and Sewer members in attendance:

Charles Sawyer	Tom Devlin	Bruce Paterson	Roy Greenhalgh	John Parmentier
X	X	X		X

Also present:

James Sullivan. Superintendent of Public Works
Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

756 Rathbun Street:

Resident Jeff Collette from 756 Rathbun Street was present. Mr. Collette wanted to know if he is able to get an extension to be able to connect to sewer under the previous cost schedule which would be \$500.00 for the hook up cost. The Chairman indicated that the Commission voted to keep the permit fee the same. The Superintendent will meet the resident on site to explore options.

Water Filtration Plant:

The Chairman informed the Commission that he spoke at the last Board of Selectmen meeting the need for a future filtration plant. Consultant Weston and Sampson was also present. This will need to be a five year plan which will need to be part of capital planning. The planning of this will be ongoing.

Iron and Manganese:

The Board of Selectmen were provided with an update on the Iron and Manganese situation. This is being handled by the consultant and we are working with DEP. There are specific timelines and guidelines which need to be followed.

Woonsocket Wastewater Bill:

The members were made aware that there was a meeting with the City of Woonsocket. Chairman Sawyer and the Board of Selectmen representative Dan Keefe attended this meeting. There was a tour of the completed facility. A memo was provided about how the money was borrowed. The town still has not received any quarterly bills as indicated in the contract.

Water Rate Increase:

The members discussed coming up with a date and time for the water rate public hearing. The public hearing will be held at the town hall municipal center. Weston and Sampson will provide a presentation for that evening. The Commission was provided with a memo from Weston and Sampson regarding the capital items. The Commission is in agreement that there needs to be further review of their capital costs.

Audit:

The Commission was made aware that the Water Department will be having an audit. Representatives will be at meeting with the Town Accountant and also the Department.

Capital Items:

The Water and Sewer Commission discussed the following potential capital projects:

1. Water Main Valley Street.
2. Piolet Study technology for filtration plant.
3. Plan for Infiltration I & I Study Plan as required by DEP plan in place entire sewer system.
4. St. Paul Meter Pit (\$120,000)
5. New Sewer Truck with crane and plow
6. Backhoe

Shut off List:

The Commission discussed those accounts which are delinquent. The Commission was in agreement to send shut off notices to those delinquent accounts. The shut off date will be November 14, 2016.

New Business:

Budget 2018:

The Commission was informed of the draft FY 2018 budget. There will need to be discussion about the salary percentage breakdown for the employees. The budget will be submitted by October 14, 2016.

Vouchers/Aging Report:

The Commission was presented with the most recent aging report and recently submitted vouchers.

Fall Billing:

The fall billing is scheduled to go out on November 1, 2016.

Minutes:

September 8, 2016:

On a motion made by Bruce Paterson and seconded by Tom Devlin, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from September 8, 2016.

Good and Welfare Public:

Good and Welfare Members:

Future Meeting Date:

- Thursday, November 10, 2016.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved November 10, 2016

