

Water and Sewer Commission
53 Elm Street
Blackstone, MA 01504
Minutes from Thursday March 10, 2016
6:30 pm

Water and Sewer members in attendance:

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

Also present:

Superintendent James Sullivan
Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland
Selectmen Keefe

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

Bay State Trail Riders:

Representatives Dave Arbor and Becky Gallagher.

The Bay State Trail Riders is an association that are working on developing a region wide system of multi-use trails. This group went to the Town Administrator about being able to put up a fence and he informed the representatives to come speak with the Water and Sewer Commission. There are portions of the trail which are under easement. There were photographs of the noted area. The Bay State Trail Riders want to improve the trail. Chairman Sawyer indicated that the current fence was placed there from the previous Mayor in Woonsocket. There was discussion about having a gate near Farm Street for emergency access. This trail is to be used for bikes, hikers, horses and cross country skiers. The current boulders will be moved. The Commission is in support of what the Bay State Trail Riders want to do.

It was suggested that a document be put together for the Commission to review. This document should reference the location and length of fence.

Member Paterson wanted to know who is responsible for the maintenance of the fence.

The paperwork regarding easements need to be signed by the Board of Selectmen.

The recommendation was to walk the site.

The Commission discussed possibly having a site walk on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 10:00 am.

83 Main Street:

Mr. Gignac was present at the meeting to discuss his water bill. The Water and Sewer Commission explained that the formal abatement application needs to be filed out. This needs to be supplied to the Water and Sewer secretary who will place this on the agenda with the necessary paperwork. Once the paperwork is submitted, the resident will be placed on the April 14, 2016 agenda.

Finance Budget Meeting:

There will be a meeting with the Finance Committee on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The FY 2017 budgets will be presented.

Well #9:

The discussion next moved to Well #9. It was noted that the previous town meetings voted to transfer \$375,000 and also \$163,000 was allocated. This amount would total \$538,000 for Well #9. There was an email from the Town Accountant indicating that the current amount in Well #9 is \$266,000.00. The Superintendent received an estimate to finish the well for \$253,000. There is also a contract for \$105,000 for F.G. Sullivan. To date Weston and Sampson has been paid \$50,000. Their initial contract was for \$173,000. The warrant article proposed is for \$310,000 or a price to be determined to finish Well #9. The Commission wants further clarification on the Well #9 numbers from the Town Accountant.

Good and Welfare:

Early Village:

The Chairman informed the member that he did speak with ethics about early village. This entity does not have any interaction with the town. Mr. Sawyer did resign from any interaction with Early Village. This was filed with the town clerk. The Commission is in receipt of a letter and supplemental information dated March 3, 2016 from Attorney Dany Doyle regarding the Joseph Early Village Complex.

Secretary Payment:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by John Parmentier, the Water and Sewer Commission voted unanimously to pay the secretary.

Audit:

The Commission discussed that after the presentation from Weston and Sampson. There needs to be further review of the water and sewer accounts.

On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by John Parmentier, the Water and Sewer Commission voted unanimously to research the hiring of an independent auditor.

Future Meeting Date:

- Thursday, April 14, 2016.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Tom Devlin, and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary