

**Water and Sewer Commission**  
**53 Elm Street**  
**Blackstone, MA 01504**  
**Minutes from Thursday August 11, 2016**  
**6:30 pm**

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**Water and Sewer members in attendance:**

Charles Sawyer	Tom Devlin	Bruce Paterson	Roy Greenhalgh	John Parmentier
<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> <b>Needs to be sworn in.</b>	

**Also present:**

Recording Secretary: Amy Sutherland

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**ADC Septic: Chris Lanoue**

Chris Lanoue was in front of the Commission informing them that he has two clients 754 and 756 Rathbun Street that need to connect to the sewer system. He wants to utilize a different design to an E1 System but compatible. Mr. Lanoue mentioned that other towns allow a gravity pump to be installed in the existing septic tank and then pump the sewer. The E1 only holds 70 gallons where the comparable unit hold 300 gallons. The Commission is in receipt of a copy of the liberty grinder pump. This particular system has an alarm located inside the dwelling and is significantly cheaper than the E one. This is an omnivore x2 two stage high head grinder pump. Another concern is that you cannot always find a local technician. The existing hole gets hydraulic cemented and new pipe ties into the lateral. At the curb no difference of what is proposing. The tank is seamed and gasket in the center. There are other towns which have options. This is a cheaper option for the residents. This will be a self-contained unit. Polylock makes 500 gallon plastic tanks which is another option and needs concrete anchors. This information will be put together for the Commission to review.

The Commission is in receipt of a memo from the Superintendent of Public Works dated August 10, 2016. This letter notes that it is his recommendation to continue with the E1 or something compatible. He will not allow an ejector pump into the septic tank. This must be self-contained unit. The Commission would also like to see the other options that might be available.

Mr. Lanoue will submit the paperwork with the possible options.

It was suggested that he speak with the Board of Health.

**On a motion made by Tom Devlin and seconded by Bruce Paterson, the Commission voted to have this item be placed on the next Water and Sewer agenda for September 8, 2016.**

**Well Report:**

The town has implemented a full mandatory water ban. This ban is for no outdoor watering. This includes lawns, car washing, and pool filling. Homeowners are allowed to water vegetables on an odd/even basis between the hours of 5:00 am through 8:00 am. There has been enforcement through the non-disposition ticket system. The police are faxing over residents who are watering in violation.

**New Business:**

**Water Rate:**

The Chairman informed the Commission that he was made aware that the sewer budget will fall short by \$200,000. The Commission would like to see this documentation. The Commission will invite Jeff McClure from Weston and Sampson to their next meeting to discuss the water rates. The Commission would like to have a public hearing on the rate increases at the October 2016 meeting.

The Commission continues to want clarification of the numbers. The Commission wants to make sure that the money from taxes is going into the correct account regarding the liens.

**Budget 2018:**

The Commission will start to discuss the FY 2018 budget. There will need to be discussion about the salary percentage breakdown for the employees.

**Vouchers/Aging Report:**

The Commission was able to review the aging report along with the vouchers for payment.

**Well Report:**

Weston and Sampson Consultant McClure is working on an action plan to address the letter from the DEP regarding the iron and manganese. There will be a meeting set up with the Board of Selectmen to keep them informed about the situation.

**Minutes:**

**July 14, 2016:**

**On a motion made by Bruce Paterson and seconded by Charlie Sawyer, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes from July 14, 2016.**

**Good and Welfare Public:**

There were no comments from the public.

**Good and Welfare Members:**

**Future Meeting Date:**

- Thursday, September 8, 2016.

**Adjourn:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary  
Approved September 8, 2016