

September 17, 2015

Present:

Mark S. Nunes, Chairman

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Brian Hawes, Vice-Chairman

*Lee M. Azinheira, Clerk

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David T. Hickox, Director

Paul Pacheco, Superintendent Services & Infrastructure

Carlos Cardoso, WPC Plant Manager

*Steven Sullivan, Superintendent Water & Sewer Division

*Mr. Azinheira and Mr. Sullivan were absent from this meeting.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Hawes and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to accept and approve the warrants for the bills payable for the period ending September 17, 2015. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Hawes and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to accept and approve the payrolls for the weeks ending August 29, September 5 & 12, 2015. So voted.

A motion was made by Mr. Hawes and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve and accept the meeting minutes of August 27, 2015. So voted.

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Jeffrey Silveira, 64 Chase Road – Request to connect to Town Sewer

Mr. Hickox informed the Board the Mr. Silveira is constructing a building on Chase Road. The parcel is about 7 acres and when the Town ran the sewer through the area in 1999 the owner of the lot requested an abatement for part of the frontage. They paid one betterment and abated the other. When Mr. Silveira filed for his building permit he was notified as the fees were calculated. The betterment was for \$11,017 which was abated. Most of the time when there is an abatement the Board will approve with the condition that if the parcel is developed in the future the owner would pay the betterment plus interest. The engineers picked it up as the fee calculation process. Mr. Silveira is looking for some relief. Mr. Nunes suggested spreading the payments out as it has been done in the past. Mr. Hickox recommended meeting with the Town Collector, Deb Piva and Mr. Silveira to go over a payment schedule.

Motion was made by Mr. Hawes and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes for the Director to meet with the applicant and the Town Collector to determine a payment schedule for the betterment. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Enterprise Fund and Sewer Enterprise Fund Financial Review

Mr. Hickox briefed the Board on the Water Enterprise Fund financials for fiscal year 2015. He noted that there was a gain of \$411,934.88 including \$311,431.33 that the Town received from solar credits.


The Sewer Enterprise Fund had a gain of \$1,685,512.68 which was planned to be paid towards the debt of the expansion. Over the past few years the Board has increased the sewer rate so that when the debt became due the revenue was in place. The scope of the intermediate work of the plant is in the process of being put together. At the fall town meeting a portion of the retained earnings will be transferred for the Highway garage expansion project.

Old Fall River Road Water Main Project Frontage Fee

Mr. Hickox informed the Board that historically when the Town installed a main in a new area and funded the project, the Town wanted to recoup the money or a portion of it. The Old Fall River Road water main extension fee calculation is based on fifty percent of the total cost of the project and the total frontage, remove the system development charge revenue to the Town, and divide the final number by linear feet to come up with the frontage fee. In the past the Board has approved capping the number of linear feet charged for those with large properties. Mr. Nunes suggested waiting until Mr. Azinheira was present to take a formal vote.

Having no further business to discuss that morning, at approximately 8:10 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Hawes and duly seconded by Mr. Nunes to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:


Jennifer Frates, Administrative Assistant

Approved:



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