

## Minutes: Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, September 19, 2011

Present: Daniel F. Devlin, Clerk and Procurement Officer and Member Kenneth J. Leva; Chairman Walter F. Alterisio absent

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM with quorum present. The board reviewed the mail in the interim before opening discussion with Water Commission Chairman Karl J. Huber, Jr. relative to water expansion research with Tyngsboro.

He provided snapshot and background (see insert) on what Water Commission has been doing researching interest with Tyngsboro Water District, they're very interested in seeing how can work together-are planning to get together again tomorrow night to revisit and make sure everyone's heading in same direction.

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BOS mtg: DWD Update 091911

### DWD & TWD Interconnection Project

- We last met on 06/21/11 to review results of Dunstable ATM and discuss how to proceed.
  - Overall objective: DWD and TWD very interested in saving money, increasing/generating revenue. Task Stantec (Westford MA) with uncovering how we can do that and what's involved in making it happen?
    - DWD sell to make \$
    - TWD save \$ while at the same time support/help DWD with steps to improvement
  - I am meeting with TWD on Tues 09/20/11 to revisit this topic project. We will discuss a meeting with Stantec – to be scheduled for a later date.
  - Next steps. Meet with Stantec to discuss and determine how to approach conducting the feasibility study.  
My cost estimate for such a study is \$10k. Split between DWD and TWD.
  - Points for consideration (just a sampling):
    - Lowell Street water main.
      - Est 10,400 l.f. of pipe @ \$ 45 (55)/l.f = ~ \$500 + k plus at least \$100/175 k eng'g cost.
      - This is just to the intersection point of Lowell + Rt 113
    - TWD new water storage tank (Flints Corner)
      - Provide sufficient back pressure to service DWD infrastructure?
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### McGovern Road Project

- DWD had early interest in participating in this project, but after further review decision was made to not participate. Funding the project – estimated to be at \$55k – was not in the DWD FY12 budget.
  - Advantage of participating in this project would have provided DWD with the ability to modernize the section of Rt 113 --- upgrading the old distribution system water main 6" cast to 12" ductile iron.
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- This area will need to be modernized if the TWD Project moves forward --- and will be incorporated into the overall Feasibility Study.
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### DWD Cell Tower Project

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- I have placed calls to Frank Kelley 603\_494\_3417; he is the Site Acquisition / Zoning Specialist with SAI Communications. Presently he has filed permits for AT&T; (1) @ Church (2) @ Riopelle (Pleasant St).
  - I would like to understand the SAI process for site evaluation ---- target site is the DWD well site at 711 Main St.
  - Contact has to be made directly to the other providers to gauge interest. In short, a site acquisition company like SAI will not get involved until they know a provider has some interest.
  - Verizon requires a Site Requisition Form to be completed / submitted prior to any further follow-up. The Verizon site request inbox is quite full so the Dunstable interest may not get immediate attention.  
Verizon may have own site acquisition team. Unknown at this time.
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### BOS Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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- What is the status of the (4 point) plan? How can DWD play an integral part? Lowell Sun article July 17, 2011.
    - Explore development of Towns 23 acre MUDD
      - What is the present status? What are the next steps?
      - Reactivate RFP process?
        - 2008 was the last – 'Common Ground Development Corp'
        - \$5 mill project
        - 25 1-br rental units as senior housing
        - 5000 sf commercial piece
      - DWD has submitted input/recommendations in the past
      - Need to upgrade old 4" asbestos water main (Pond St to Post Office)
        - I understand BOS plans to initiate a committee to research / investigate this project; feasibility, funding, etc.
      - Other facts
    - Erect cell tower on Town land
      - DWD work-in-progress as noted in earlier points
      - What is BOS action plan?
    - Continue discussions to sell Town water to other towns
      - DWD work-in-progress as noted in earlier points
      - What is BOS action plan? What is BOS expectations, considerations, concerns?
    - Evaluate efficiencies of Town government
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He noted a lot of checks into feasibility study to see what we have to work with, as Dunstable always counts on Pepperell, Tyngsboro and Groton. Tyngsboro came out to see if there was a better way to interconnect for a better rate than they get now with Lowell. Connection @Lowell Road is a 900 customer base and if Dunstable Water got 6% would be beneficial toward funding department's needs such as a storage tank. At feasibility study area, Stantech Engineering from Westford will be approached to look at our infrastructures and what we need to do, costs associated, etc. to the option. As they find more and more of the information, share it. Water Commission will put together a comment area where people can contact Water Commission for more information related to expanding the water line. Right now from vet to Tyngsboro – Dunstable border, all costs will be investigated as part of the study. Pond Street storage tanks are old and need to be replaced –are going to be red flags that come up and need to be considered in the whole picture. If interest is still there, will research further and if DEP comes in and makes inspections and we are in compliance at that point – under awareness without storage tank can't support hydrants. Tyngsboro is under DEP Central while we're under DEP North – DEP at some point in time would need to support the move to combine, might also provide some extra funding because of regionalization.

Karl continued to explain the discussions with Tyngsboro, DEP and how it might affect the town's water system and funding. Wants to make sure the townsfolk understands what's going on. Feasibility study would run probably around \$10K sliced down the middle would mean \$5K for Dunstable and \$5K for Tyngsboro. McGovern Wall project, he thought maybe thru DOT we could get some of the pipeline work done but uncertainty with timelines and how they would work. Want to look at any project where can incorporate fixes. While backed out now because can't afford; from the vet to by Sargent's house still on the 6" pipe. Feasibility study will help them look at all the issues that need to be addressed, including loops, etc. First costs will be feasibility study, but wants to get back with Tyngsboro to make sure interest is still there and let them know we're not ready to move forward.

He noted his report also has reference to cell phone tower, he's been trying to get ahold of players for tower location. Biggest player is Verizon who has more towers than any of the others. Carriers need to be interested in a new location. Also talking constantly talking with distributors like Poland Springs, wants to stay on their radar screen where Dunstable might be able to supplement their needs. He reported he's also been talking with tanker places that fill pools, to investigate options; making progress. The board indicated their support for the process and promised to include water in process of investigating the Mixed Use District and feasibility for upgrading the infrastructure. They proposed it

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in the MUD with the continuous loop ... all things that are beneficial to the town. He called attention to the need for a storage tank for fire rating. He indicated they were looking at a storage tank on Chaney Hill on Pond Street, but talking with Charlie Rich who indicated it was a good location for a communications tower. Dependent on sizing for tank could be anywhere from \$750K to \$1Million. He indicated there are organizations he's been researching costs, and explained some of the different scenarios that could cause problems for the water department. He asked that the board keep Water Commission in mind even when they have discussions with the MUD. They have a partner with MA Rural Water who came out and helped them to identify items on the system, gate valves, etc. They now can monitor the system and see where the fixes are. Mr. Huber will provide info electronically for insertion in minutes.

Julianna Perissinotto stopped in to report on plans for the new tree for the common – a 25' tree. She indicated she was here about hearings for the cell towers and the MSR special permit hearing and was directed to Planning Board downstairs. Discussion continued on the importance of cell coverage for residents. Karl advised that he pings Verizon every week but carrier has to have interest before an acquisition provider will pursue.

Request from Christine Schwefler from Swallow Union APT for parking for their annual Back to School picnic on Friday evening – Dan provided motion to approve the areas for parking per their request and board voted approval.

Dan confirmed he'd be attending the AECOP presentation at NMCOG on Thursday afternoon and will take the newly amended Open Space Plan home for review.

The board briefly discussed plans for the Cell Tower Location Committee and interest expressed by a number of individuals.

Treasurer's warrants were reviewed and signed and the meeting adjourned at 7:55PM after appropriate motion and vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Danice N. Palumbo,  
Board Secretary