



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Robert Wilson, Chair
Cranston Rogers, Member
Leo O'Rourke, Member

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 03/07/16

January 11, 2015
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street

Present: Leo O'Rourke, Chan Rogers, DPS Director Thomas Holder and Program Administrator Judi LaPan.

A motion was made by Leo O'Rourke to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:10 PM. Chan Rogers seconded, unanimous vote, 2-0.

Chan Rogers made a motion to approve the November 2015 minutes. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 2-0.

Chan Rogers made a motion to approve the December 2015 minutes. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 2-0.

Abatement Request – 5 Florence Circle–

This is an abatement request for a full pool fill that was done in May 2015. The owner drained his gunite pool for repairs. The pool was patched for cracks, acid washed to clean all algae and stains and refilled.

The owner paid for 3 tankers of water to fill the majority of the pool and then topped off the last 18 inches from the hose. He is looking for an abatement for the sewer charges linked to what he used for the pool fill. The pool is large and holds 35,000 cf of water. Research indicates that based on the readings from the start and end times given that 1,070 cf of water were used to finish filling the pool after the 3 trucks of water were delivered. The trucks delivered 27,000 gallons of water leaving 8000 gallons from the hose. This is 1,070cf of water. This equates to a sewer abatement of \$77.47 using the current rate at tier 2.

Chan Rogers made a motion to approve the sewer abatement request for \$77.47. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 2-0.

The abatement requests for Medway Café, 74 Main Street and 6 Stanley Road that were initially heard at the December 2015 meeting will be tabled until the next meeting. Both abatement requests require follow up to determine if they are eligible for an abatement. As the follow up information was not yet available this will be tabled until the next meeting. Medway Café is to provide the necessary information to Judi. Judi will provide a consumption report for 6 Stanley Road in order for a determination to be made.

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Action Items were discussed.

Directors Reports:

Tom Holder discussed with the Commissioners that there were three water main breaks this past weekend. Considering they were simultaneous breaks Tom felt that they were managed quite well. Our staff managed two of the breaks and the Town of Franklin was gracious enough to help with the third break. All of the lines were 6-8" cast iron pipe.

Tom Holder discussed with the Commissioners the property at 6 Industrial Park Road. As the Commissioners were made aware of at prior meetings, the property is being evaluated to see if this would be a viable option to house a new DPS Facility. It has been determined that the building renovations will fall within our budget. It has also been determined that there is enough space for our needs. A report will be presented at the January 25th DPS Committee meeting on the status of the evaluation. At that time members may vote to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate with the property owner. They are asking 3.1 million dollars. The property has been assessed at 2 million dollars.

Tom Holder updates the Commissioners on the status of the proposed Exelon project. Chan Rogers asked if the work that Exelon has proposed will have any effect on our water main lines? Tom states that we will need to look at the Village Street Main. There will be an increase in pressure at the connection but that should not cause any problems. The Energy Facility Sitting Board starts back up again on the 15th of January. At the eleventh hour the Town of Franklin filed as an "intervener", which allows them to have a seat at the table. Franklin's comments will be heard but they are not designated interveners. Currently the Town of Medway, NSTAR, Conservation Law foundation and the Charles River Watershed Association are all designated interveners.

Tom Holder updated the Commissioners on the Water & Sewer rates. We are currently putting together a rate forecast. We should have a sense of what the rates will look like and a draft will be available toward the end of February. The debt on the Charles River Pollution Control District plant improvements is increasing, thus increasing our costs.

Tom Holder discussed with the Commissioners that the Water & Sewer Regulations need to be updated. Tom has been working with the Water and Sewer Superintendent Barry Smith and the Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent Jeff Roach. A new fee structure will be incorporated into the new regulations.

Member Prerogatives:

Leo O'Rourke asks if there is any more information on the Black Swamp sewer strengths. Tom Holder advised the Commissioners that the strengths are holding steady and that Inflow and Infiltration repair work will commence this summer with an anticipated reduction of about 60 GPD of I & I.

The next Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting will be held on March 7, 2016 at 5PM in Sanford Hall.

***Leo O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM. Chan Rogers seconded.
Unanimous vote, 2-0.***

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