



TOWN OF MEDWAY  
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION  
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

**Commissioners**

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

Meeting Minutes

**APPROVED 01/11/16**

November 2, 2015  
Sanford Hall  
155 Village Street

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

***A motion was made by Bob Wilson to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:02 PM. Chan Rogers seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.***

***The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the September 29, 2015 meeting. Chan Rogers made a motion to approve both the August 17, 2015 and the September 29, 2015 minutes. Leo O'Rourke seconded. Unanimous vote, 3-0.***

**Abatement Request** – There were no abatement requests.

**Action Items were discussed.**

There was an update on the Toilet-Washing Machine Rebate Program. Residents have not officially been informed. There is information on the Town website. The outreach flyer will be mailed out to residents with the November bills. We have already had two toilet rebates and one washing machine application applied for and approved!

**Bob Wilson makes a motion that we accept the program as written with semantic changes to the brochure and application to be made. Leo O'Rourke seconded. Unanimous vote, 3-0.**

Household Leak Detection reporting continues. With new reporting available reports are run monthly and residents are notified of any suspected leaks. Notification is made via phone calls and/or postcards being mailed to the resident.

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## **Directors Reports:**

Tom Holder reminded the Commissioners that Fall Town Meeting has been scheduled for November 16, 2015. The DPS-Water Division has an article on the warrant. The article is to re-appropriate monies not spent on the AMR project to the Water Main Project.

The Exelon Forum was well attended. Leo O'Rourke states he does not think the meeting was very effective. He thinks the Governor should do more to procure energy from Canada. It is cheaper and greener. Exelon has approached the Town of Millis to discuss the potential of purchasing water from Millis. Millis has a well that is not utilized to capacity. Millis Selectmen are still investigating the possibility of selling water to Exelon. Kleinfelder will be performing an evaluation for Millis to determine if they would be within their allowable limits if they were to sell water to Exelon. Exelon needs to purchase 45K gallons of water per day to supplement their well which can draw 50K gallons per day. If Millis agrees to sell water to Exelon then Millis and Medway would have to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement. Medway would more than likely need to pump the water, Medway would own and operate the pump stations. When pumping to a higher pressure we may encounter leaks. Medway needs to ensure all costs are included and covered by Exelon. Leo asks if there is any difference in how Millis treats their water? Tom explains that the methods are similar but their ph is different as are their fluoride levels. This will all be taken into consideration and monitored very closely. . Bob Wilson asks what will happen if one of Exelon's wells goes bad? Exelon proposes to have a second backup well. Exelon is also proposing two storage tanks that will hold 950K gallons of water onsite. Bob Wilson asks who will monitor what is being pulled from the aquifer. Tom explained that Exelon's well is a deep bedrock well. Exelon's well-water use will not have any impact on Medway's 4 wells or private residential wells. Exelon wants to be online by July 2018. Funding is broken out in the host agreement.

Tom Holder updates the Commissioners on the Salmon Health (The Willows) Project. The abutting residents are very concerned about drainage issues. The water currently flows to the Salmon property and then ultimately to the Charles River. The applicant and the Town are working together to prevent any flooding on the abutting properties. Salmon Health has to abide by the Storm Water Permit Requirements.

## **Member Prerogatives:**

Leo O'Rourke asks why he has not seen a copy of the Abrahams report? Tom Holder stated that we have not signed a contract due to the estimated costs. Leo O'Rourke asks for a status update on the Highway Facility. Tom Holder states that the alternative to building new is to purchase an existing property. The potential to purchase and renovate a property exists at 6 Industrial Park Road. This is being investigated. Bob Wilson asks what the cost savings would be. Tom Holder explains that the costs are currently being evaluated and will be reported to the oversight committee, however it was noted that renovating would yield an additional 15,000 square feet of space.

Tom updated the Commissioners on the Cassidy Complex Sewer Line. The connection has been made and the account will be metered going forward.

The next Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5PM in Sanford Hall.

***Bob Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Chan Rogers seconded. Unanimous vote, 3-0.***

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