



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

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

APPROVED 07/13/15

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2015
DPS Office
155 Village Street

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

A motion was made by Bob Wilson to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:00 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Bob Wilson made a motion to approve the April 2015 and May 2015 minutes. Leo O'Rourke seconded. Unanimous vote, 3-0.

There were not any Abatement Requests this meeting.

Action Items:

1. Bob Wilson would like reports run for to help detect high usage
2. Automated Leak Notification? Reports?
3. Residential access to consumption data?

Rate Study Discussion Continuation – A Public Rate Hearing is scheduled at 6PM tonight. A formal rate sheet has been created. The rates were taken from the rate forecast for FY16. This was studied and discussed at great length prior to the creation of the new rates.

Directors Reports:

Tom Holders discussed the Exelon Plant and their water needs with the Commissioners. Exelon has been non-committal about how often the plant expansion will operate or run annually. They require 130 gallons per minute when they operate their expanded system. They are currently operating approximately 100 hours annually. Much of the water they will use evaporates. Significant environmental permitting is required.

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To the point of addressing permitted water uses, by definition, water to irrigate is considered non-essential. Water for the operational needs of a power plant is considered essential by definitions. The protectors of the aquifer are the Charles River Watershed Association and the MassDEP. They look to the future to ensure that 100 years from now future generations have clean accessible water. The Town is currently capped at our daily allowable withdrawal. We are allowed to pump 920,000 gallons per day. We had been exceeding this due to the leak that was found on Village Street. We have fixed this and are no longer drawing more than our daily allowable withdrawal. We have several projects that are being built or in the design phase that will use significant amounts of water. Millstone Village will use approximately 17K gallons daily, Salmon Health will use approximately 50K gallons daily and the proposed Timber Crest Estates will also have significant water and sewer needs.

The Water Main project on Highland Street continues. The main has been installed. The remaining work consists of installation of hydrants and service connections. Full depth road reconstruction will be completed this year. The Winthrop Street Water Main project has begun. The work is being performed North to South. They have started installation of the new mains. A temporary trench repair will be laid this year and next year after settling for the winter we will perform a full width mill and overlay road repair.

Member Prerogatives:

Toilet & Washing Machine Rebate Program: We surveyed other communities and then pulled recommendations that we felt we would like to institute in a toilet rebate program in Medway. Bob Wilson suggests we use the standard of 1.28 gallons or less per flush. Many current models have a vacuum assist. It is questioned how we will verify what is being replaced? Homeowners would have to send a picture of the old toilet along with proof of purchase of the new toilet. More thought will be given to this, standards for washing machines will be researched and added and the program will be refined prior to rolling it out. Bob Wilson says that he thinks we should approach Exelon and see if they would like to sponsor a toilet and washing machine rebate program for the town as PR for their company. This effort would help offset water use that Exelon will need in order to move forward with their proposed build out. Bob Wilson offers to put together some figures and data prior to the next meeting. Bob Wilson makes a motion to adjourn the Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting at 5:59PM.

Bob Wilson makes a motion to open the Public Rate Hearing at 6PM. Chan Rogers seconds. *Unanimous vote: 3-0. The Commissioners are all given the proposed rate schedule. As of 6:15PM there have not been any residents in attendance for the Rate Hearing. **Bob Wilson makes a motion to accept the FY16 Water and Sewer rates. Leo O'Rourke seconded. Unanimous vote, 3-0.*** Bob Wilson makes a motion to adjourn the Public Rate Hearing Meeting at 6:30PM.

The next Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting will be held on July 13, 2015 at 5PM.

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