



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

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

APPROVED 08/17/15

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2015
DPS Office
155 Village Street

Present: Robert Wilson, 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, 2-0.

Bob Wilson made a motion to approve the June 15, 2015. Leo O'Rourke seconded. Unanimous vote, 2-0.

Abatement Request – 18 Cottage Street – John Williams. This is a Water/Sewer /Trash account. There was a broken float valve which caused continuous running. The toilet was replaced as soon as he was able to afford to purchase it and get it installed. The homeowners are requesting an abatement due to the financial hardship this high bill creates. The August 2014 bill cycle had been higher than usual but they thought they had simply used more water. They did not realize they had a leak until they received the extremely high November bill (7,765 cf- \$380.23 for water/ \$259.55 for sewer). They bought a new toilet at the end of December but were not able to install it until February which resulted in another cycle of high consumption.

Robert Wilson makes a motion to reduce the difference of the water charges on their average bill and the last bill reflecting the leak owed by 50%. Leo O'Rourke seconds the motion. Unanimous. 2-0.

Action Items were discussed.

1. Bob Wilson had requested reports be run for to help detect high usage. Reports were run and given to the Commissioners to review.

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Action Items Continued:

2. Automated Leak Notification? Reports? This can be done however the software platforms necessary to do this are incredibly expensive. Tom Holder is not sure the costs are justified. Would residents understand the data? Bob Wilson asks if Sensus has a platform for this? Tom Holder indicates that Sensus does not have a platform for this purpose. Judi and Jill will continue to run reports manually.
3. Residential access to consumption data? This is the same as the automated leak notifications. This can be done however the software platforms necessary to do this are incredibly expensive. Again, Tom Holder is not sure the costs are justified.

Directors Reports:

Kleinfelder is performing a Water Supply and Resource Evaluation. They will take existing water obligations into consideration in order to determine how much water the town has available to give to Exelon. Bob Wilson asks how much water we are currently drawing per day? Tom Holder says that the permit allows for 920,000 gallons a day. Millstone will require 17,000 gallons a day. Salmon Health will require 56,000 gallons per day and Timbercrest will require 65,000 gallons a day. That will put us over the permit withdrawal limit. Bob Wilson feels that these companies who are requesting the water for their projects need to pay fees to help with the I & I. They need to offset the needs. If the proposed marijuana facility were approved, how much water would they require?

Member Prerogatives:

The Toilet & Washing Machine Rebate Program was reviewed at the last meeting. A few changes were requested. The Commissioners would like to add the verbiage "How Much Can I Save?" Bob Wilson would like residents to see the difference between how many gallons an old machine currently uses versus how many gallons a High Efficiency machine will use. He offered to provide data on typical anticipated savings.

The next Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting will be held on August 17, 2015 at 5PM.

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