



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Cranston Rogers, Chair
Robert Wilson, Member
Peter Gluckler, Member

Meeting Minutes

May 06, 2013 – 6:30pm
Tom Holder's Office
155 Village Street, Medway MA

Present: Chan Rogers, Robert Wilson, Peter Gluckler, DPS Director Thomas Holder and DPS Operations Manager Sarah Pawluczzonek.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by a motion from Robert Wilson.

Peter Gluckler seconded.

Motion approved, unanimous vote, 2-0.

Utility Abatement – 4-1 Kingson Lane

Sarah Pawluczzonek explained the abatement for 4-1 Kingson Lane. It was a major leak due to two running toilets, which when discovered months after they were leaking, was repaired by a family member. They do not have receipts. The husband was very ill for a while which they believe is why the leak was not dealt with sooner. Sarah showed the Board the usage charts showing a major spike for several months and then a major decrease once repaired. The owner is seeking a sewer abatement on the past two bills.

Chan Rogers arrived.

Robert Wilson asked what the abatement amount would be.

Sarah Pawluczzonek answered that she took the average of the three same cycles prior to the leak starting to arrive at an average cubic feet to charge for sewer. She suggested abating the sewer charge down to the average usage times the current rate. On one bill it would be -\$481.71 and on the other it would be -\$446.29.

Robert Wilson made a motion to approve the sewer abatements on both bills for 4-1 Kingson Lane.

Peter Gluckler seconded

Motion approved, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Vote on Prior Meeting Minutes – 04/08/13

Robert Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/08/13 meeting.

Peter Gluckler seconded

Motion approved, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Director's Report

Tom Holder discussed the recent rate study meeting with the Selectmen this past Friday, 05/03/13. He explained that we were still awaiting comments and will hold the tentative meeting for 05/31/13 if any comments are significant enough to warrant it.

Robert Wilson asked if anyone had offered a comment.

Tom Holder answered no, but was hoping to hear from people by this Friday at the latest.

Tom Holder brought up the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Day Event and Medway Pride Day. He said Pam from Haley & Ward (water conservation expert) would be assisting us at Pride Day. Sarah Pawluczzonek and Judi LaPan would be working the table giving out free water & energy conservation and recycling type items for children and adults.

Robert Wilson asked if we had compost bins available and if there were any rain barrels left.

Sarah Pawluczzonek replied that all rain barrels were gone, but that we have a registration on our website for compost bins until May 31, 2013. We also have a sample of the "Earth Machine" to show off at Pride Day. The cost is \$40 a bin.

Tom Holder talked about SWMI (Sustainable Watershed Management Initiative) and a recent meeting where the possibility of a Storm Water Utility was discussed. He extended an invitation to the next meeting on May 29th, 2013.

Peter Gluckler asked how fees are assessed for a Storm Water Utility.

Tom Holder replied that it can be based on a few measures, one being impermeable surface such as roofs, walkways, driveway, etc. It promotes having more permeable surfaces. He explained the concern he has that it is estimated to cost about \$15 a month to residents.

Tom Holder discussed an issue of meter tampering recently discovered. It was found to be disconnected and a rubber hose rerouting the water.

Chan Rogers asked if we had any fines we could assess.

Tom Holder said yes, we have a \$500 system tampering fine voted on last year.

Robert Wilson mentioned the possibility of advertising the issue to make it clear that the Town is serious about system tampering.

Tom Holder felt that it may cause more harm than help.

Tom Holder discussed the Water Main Paving Project which is almost done. There are a few cross trenches to finish next week. The ride ability is very smooth now.

Robert Wilson made a motion close the meeting at 6:55pm.

Peter Gluckler seconded.

Motion approved, unanimous vote, 3-0

Next Meeting scheduled for June 3, 2013 6:30pm. Also have a tentative meeting for May 31, 2013 which could end up take the place of the June 3 meeting.

Respectfully yours,

**Sarah Pawluczzonek
Operations Manager
Department of Public Services**