

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2007
7:30 PM**

Present: John Meader, Chairman
Bryant Firmin

Also

Present: Kara Buzanoski, DPW Director
Brian Shea, Fay, Spofford & Thorndike (FS&T)
Parviz Amirhor, FS&T
Peter DeFronzo, FS&T

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of minutes from the January 3, 2007 meeting.

Postponed to next meeting.

2. 7:30 pm - Meeting with Brian Shea from Fay, Spofford & Thorndike (FS&T)
re: CWMP Phase 3. [Copy of presentation attached]

Brian Shea made a presentation of Phase III of the CWMP. He reviewed the preferred alternatives with the Commission.

Scenario 1(a)

- 1.5 mgd to Marlborough Westerly WWTF.
- Major expansion of the Marlborough Westerly WWTF.
- Total flow of 4.4 mgd discharged to Assabet River.
- Effluent treated to phosphorus limit of 0.1 mg/l.
- This is contingent on approval of full flow to the river by EPA.

Scenario 1(b)

- Similar to 1A except that 1.5 mgd sent to new subsurface groundwater disposal facility on Boundary St site. Flow of 2.9 mgd discharged to Assabet as under the current permit.

Scenario 2

- Marlborough to take over existing plant completely.
- 1.5 mgd sent to new facility on Boundary St.
- New treatment facility owned and operated by Northborough.

Commissioner Meader asked what the schedule was.

Mr. Shea stated that the Phase III submission is to be submitted to MEPA this month. The review process takes a couple of months. There is a comment period as well and a time for addressing those comments.

The Commission also discussed I & I with Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea stated that he will check with his office and compile information on what other communities are doing and what policies are in use. He will prepare a report for Mrs. Buzanoski.

Mrs. Buzanoski asked if DEP has a rule in place. Mr. Shea replied, "They have guidance". He will also submit the information he has to Mrs. Buzanoski.

The Commission thanked Mr. Shea, Mr. Amirhor and Mr. DeFronzo from FS&T for their presentation.

At 8:30 pm, the Chairman invited a resident who was present to join them at the table. Mr. Ed Crowley, 21 Wilson Road, was upset about a letter he received regarding the sewer betterment increase. He did not like the response he received from the office and would like the Commission to explain it to him. Commissioner Meader read the letter aloud.

Mrs. Buzanoski stated that she informed Mr. Crowley that this was not a bill. This was notification that the betterment was going to increase. She explained how the older subdivisions were not originally assessed when sewer was constructed.

Commissioner Meader reiterated what Mrs. Buzanoski stated. He explained the history of the water and sewer enterprise funds and the town meeting vote that authorized the town to assess betterments when sewer was installed in a street. He stated that Mr. Crowley can do three things:

- (1.) Take no action.
- (2.) If he is having a problem with his septic system, he can pay for the \$6,400 betterment and connect to town sewer or
- (3.) If his septic is fine he can pay for the \$6,400 betterment and not connect to town sewer but have the option to do so in the future, at the current sewer betterment amount.

Mr. Crowley stated that he was contesting this sewer betterment increase letter, adding that he never received notice of any increases in the past.

3. Review Tata & Howard contract amendment for Lyman St well.

The Commissioners reviewed Amendment No. 1 of the Lyman Street Chemical Injection Facility contract. The amendment is for an additional \$20,000 for inclusion of costs associated with the completion of a Notice of Intent for submission to the Northborough Conservation Commission and for radio telemetry and miscellaneous design items associated with upgrades at the Town's water barn, Assabet water storage tank and Edmund Hill water storage tank.

Commissioner Firmin moved to approve Amendment No. 1 of the Lyman Street Chemical Injection Facility contract with Tata & Howard Inc. Commissioner Meader seconded. The vote was 2 in favor.

4. Review of drainlayers' license requests.

No requests.

5. Review Correspondence.

Correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Assabet River Consortium Study.

[See item#2 under New Business]

2. Supervisor's Report.

- A. Duie Pile has started work on the warehouse construction on Bartlett Street.
- The sale of the Haitsma property will have to go out to bid, CPA funds cannot be used.
- The dam evaluation report from FST was received.
- Changes to the DEP sewer extension regulations were discussed.
- Mrs. Buzanoski informed the Commission that the Church Street Village Condos will be installing a booster pump. Commissioner Meader asked if

the booster pump will remain the condos responsibility. Mrs. Buzanoski replied yes.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be March 7th at 7:30 pm.

Adjourn:

At 9:20 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda LePoer
DPW Administrative Assistant