

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2011
7:30 PM**

Present: John Meader
Bryant Firmin

Also

Present: Kara Buzanoski, DPW Director

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of minutes from the December 8, 2010 and January 5, 2011 meetings.

The minutes from the January 5, 2011 meeting were approved two in favor.

The December minutes could not be acted upon because Commissioner Pepe was absent.

2. Acceptance of water and sewer mains in Davis Ave, Davis St., Thayer St., Tomblin Hill Rd., and Southwest Cutoff.

The Commission reviewed a certification letter from Fay, Spofford & Thorndike approving acceptance of the water and sewer mains in Davis Ave, Davis St., Thayer St., Tomblin Hill Rd. and Southwest Cutoff.

Commissioner Firmin moved to accept the water and sewer mains in Davis Ave, Davis St., Thayer St., Tomblin Hill Rd., and Southwest Cutoff. Commissioner Meader seconded. The vote was two in favor.

3. Review and vote water and sewer fees.

The Commission reviewed the revised document. After making a few changes, Commissioner Firmin moved to approve the water and sewer fees. Commissioner Meader seconded. The vote was two in favor.

4. Review of drainlayers license requests.

There were no drainlayers license requests.

5. Review Correspondence.

The Commission reviewed items in the correspondence folder.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Westerly plant construction.

Mrs. Buzanoski met with Ron LaFreniere in Marlborough last Friday, February 4th. They discussed the following issues:

Intermunicipal Agreement - Mr. LaFreniere said he would ask the City Solicitor to provide a copy to both parties for review, so we could get back up to date. The current Intermunicipal Agreement remains in effect.

Update on the westerly treatment plant - Mr. LaFreniere informed Mrs. Buzanoski that the project is 45% complete. They fell behind 3 months due to weather and delayed delivery of equipment. The finish date is September 2012. The majority of the project should be completed by early 2012. He added that the two engineers, CDM and Woodard & Curran, are working out well.

Final closeout bill for FY10 - Mrs. Buzanoski asked Mr. LaFreniere to get the year-end bill completed so Northborough can pay it with the encumbered funds.

ARHS sewer charges - Mrs. Buzanoski asked Mr. LaFreniere to look into the bills being sent to ARHS (from Marlborough) for sewer that she believes is in error because it was part of the Met Life property. They are billed by the Town for sewer and she doesn't believe that they should be billed additionally by Marlborough, similarly to A. Duie Pyle.

2. Review of Brigham Street Well.

Mrs. Buzanoski stated that she met with Tata & Howard today. She received an updated tabulation of the project. The original estimate for Brigham Street was \$4.5M. The Town did get approved for an SRF loan for \$7M.

They discussed the different types of filters and Mrs. Buzanoski suggested that she have Tata & Howard arrange a field trip for the Commission to view the (2) different types of filter plants under construction in Hopedale (membrane filter) and in North Chelmsford (green filter).

Commissioner Meader suggested that we look at the design to see what can be deleted as a cost savings measure.

3. Supervisor's Report.

- Mrs. Buzanoski received a request from Worcester Business Development Corp. regarding the proposed Riverbridge development in Berlin. They were asking if the Town would take over the drinking water wells for the development. After discussion, the Commission agreed that this would not be in the Town of Northborough Water Departments' best interest and therefore did not allow this request.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 2nd.

Adjourn: At 8:30 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda LePoer
DPW Administrative Assistant