

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 3, 2011**  
**7:00 PM**

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**Present:** John Meader  
David Pepe  
Bryant Firmin

**Also**

**Present:** Kara Buzanoski, DPW Director  
Chuck & Jean Black, Kendall Homes

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Buzanoski stated that Chuck and Jean Black, Kendall Homes were present to discuss their newest project at 269 & 273 West Main Street and to make a request regarding their irrigation system. Mr. Black explained that the project will have 4 buildings, mixed use - commercial & residential. He said that the Town's Design Review Board has required specific plantings in and around the parking lot area. They would like to request to connect the irrigation system to the municipal water distribution system.

Commissioner Meader replied that his position, consistent with current Commission policy, is that they would need to construct an irrigation well. He asked the other members to voice their thoughts.

Mr. Black stated that they could have a separate meter for watering with restricted water use.

Mrs. Buzanoski replied that the board has had a lot of requests asking for a second or "deduct" meter. She stated that Northborough was the first town in the state to implement restrictions in 1988. They set a precedent and the board is working hard to keep it in place. DEP is requiring all utility companies to implement, across the board, water use of 64 gallons/day/person. Northborough is below that and the primary reason is because we do not allow irrigation systems to be connected to the municipal water system. She added that the cost to use water that has been treated to meet drinking water standards, for irrigation purposes is expensive and will only become more expensive.

Commissioner Firmin stated that this would not be consistent with the board's policy, not to mention conserving water. Irrigation systems are known for leaking and the leak goes un-noticed because the leak is underground.

The Commission denied the Black's request to connect an irrigation system at 269-273 West Main Street to the municipal water distribution system.

1. Consideration of minutes from the June 22, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Pepe moved to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2011 meeting as amended. Commissioner Firmin seconded. The vote was two in favor.

2. Review plans to address Lyman St well E coli positive event.

The Commission reviewed plans to address the Lyman St well E coli positive event, submitted by Tata & Howard.

Mrs. Buzanoski explained that we will have to file a system modification application to DEP. We are hoping to do the construction with town staff and equipment. She added that the water crew has big reservations about injecting chlorine so far from the well building because of gasification. Re-priming the chemical feed pump can take quite a while. The plan is to start construction while working on a design to put the building over the injection point and have the chlorine injection equipment in the new building.

Commissioner Meader asked what Tata & Howard's response was to the gasification issue. Mrs. Buzanoski replied they said it was not unusual, sodium hypochlorite loses intensity over time, hence gasification. Commissioner Meader stated that the carrier pipe should be sloped back towards the building to assist in draining the chemical feed line if needed. Mrs. Buzanoski will make note of this.

Commissioner Meader asked if Paul Corbosiero and Steve Jobs reviewed these plans and if they had any other issues. Mrs. Buzanoski said yes and the only issues they had were confined space and length of pipe.

Commissioner Meader noted that Tata & Howard should put some elevations on these plans.

Commissioner Meader asked what the plan of action was. Mrs. Buzanoski replied they met with DEP informally and showed them the plan. Tata & Howard are working on the plans and application. He asked if they had an estimate of the cost. Mrs. Buzanoski said they did not have figures yet.

3. Review Tata & Howard amendment.

Mrs. Buzanoski had asked Tata & Howard for a breakdown of the \$68,000 amendment. She had a copy of the breakdown and distributed it to the board. The breakdown includes design/meetings/bidding.

Commissioner Meader asked why the bidding costs were included. Mrs. Buzanoski replied they are necessary for the SRF application.

Commissioner Meader asked if they were actually going to use the recycle component. Mrs. Buzanoski replied that based on her discussions with them we would be recycling the water. Commissioner Meader responded that the only town he knew of that used the recycle was Peabody, and they stopped because they could only recycle 10%. He will contact Peabody for their experience.

Commissioner Meader asked what happens if the board does not sign off on this amendment. Mrs. Buzanoski replied that it would effect meeting the deadline for the SRF loan of October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Meader would like to see how many hours are covered under this amendment.

Commissioner Meader asked how much the original contract was. Mrs. Buzanoski replied \$449,000. He then asked if they are delivering on their services. Mrs. Buzanoski replied that they are.

Commissioner Pepe moved to execute the \$68,000 amendment for Tata & Howard. Commissioner Firmin seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Commissioner Meader added that they will need to have for town meeting the cost value for the bid price on the Water Treatment Plant vs. the cost to purchase water from MWRA.

Mrs. Buzanoski also presented SRF forms for the board to sign for authorization to file.

Commissioner Pepe moved to approve the SRF authorization forms. Commissioner Firmin seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. Review plans for Brigham St well treatment.

The Commission reviewed the plans for Brigham Street well treatment. After discussion, Commissioner Meader stated he would like to meet with Paul Corbosiero and Steve Jobses to get their input. A meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2011 at the water barn.

5. Review of drainlayers license requests.

There were no drainlayers' requests.

6. Review Correspondence.

Correspondence was reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review of Marlborough Westerly Plant construction.

No new information was available.

2. Review Brigham Street Well project.

See item no. 4 under New Business.

3. Director's Report.

- Mrs. Buzanoski presented the Memorandum of Understanding from the Shanley's of 39 Deacon Street, which was requested and approved at a previous meeting.
- Brigham Woods betterments - Mrs. Buzanoski explained that the sewer betterments for Brigham Woods have not been paid. At the time of the requests for certificates of occupancy, the developer was requesting a further reduction based on the additional stubs installed on Brigham Street. Mrs. Buzanoski asked the developer to come in with figures and formally make a request to this board. It was forgotten by the Town & developer so it never happened and the betterments were never paid. Commissioner Meader said that the developer needs to come to a meeting to make that request to this board.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjourn:** At 8:45 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda LePoer  
DPW Administrative Assistant