

**MEETING OF THE ORLEANS
BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
November 17, 2010**

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A meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was held Wednesday, November 17, 2010 in the Nauset Room, Town Hall:

Those present were Robert Rich, Jimmy Dishner, Judith Bruce and Ann Hodgkinson of the Board, associate member, Leonard Short, Susan Brown and Todd Bunzick of the Water Department, and Walter Bennett, Finance Committee liaison. Absent were Kenneth McKusick of the Board and associate member Ken Rowell.

Ann Hodgkinson called the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

CAPABILITIES, 181 MAIN ST

Ray Pirrone of Capabilities came before the Board to discuss what he believed to be a large discrepancy in the water billing for the group home at 181 Main Street (account #815) during three years ending February 2008. He was seeking an adjustment to the billing for this time period.

After a lengthy discussion regarding where the water could have gone, it was determined that the meter was not to be blamed for the apparent discrepancies because the meter had not been changed since 1997.

A motion was made by Judith Bruce seconded by Jimmy Dishner to offer an interest free payment agreement for the outstanding balance with the terms to be worked out with the water department. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Judith Bruce seconded by Robert Rich to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2010 as written. The vote by the Board was 4-0-1 with Jimmy Dishner abstaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

STORAGE TANKS

Hemi Enterprises arrived Thursday November 11, 2010 to replace the finial at the top of Tank #2 but due to high winds were unable to do the work. They spent the morning welding and painting the divots inside Tank #2 and returned Saturday to replace the finial.

POWER OUTAGE

During the early morning hours of November 11, 2010, the water department lost a pole in the wellfield causing power failure at the water treatment plant. Farrell electric came

out to set a new pole and restore electricity.

OLD BUSINESS

195 ROUTE 6A, CHESTER ROBINSON

In a letter dated October 21, 2010, Chester Robinson requested from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners public records indicating that they have not given relief for circumstances similar in nature to his. The Board asked that a letter be sent explaining Mr. Robinson's options for viewing public records.

WASTEWATER SUB-COMMITTEE

The sub-committee will meet to draft an outline and work to prepare a draft of things pulled together for the regular meeting of the Board January 19, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITMENTS/ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS

A motion was made by Robert Rich seconded by Judith Bruce to commit for the month of October 2010 to rate \$0.00, to services \$1,120.00, to usage \$0.00, to installations \$1,935.10 and to added billing \$59.21. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

EASTWARD HOMES

Eastward Homes discontinued water service to 16 Lindsay Lane formerly 48 Portanimitcut Road December 2007. Eastward Homes continued to be billed when service should have been placed on standby.

A motion was made by Robert Rich seconded by Judith Bruce to refund to Eastward Homes \$354.21 from account #371. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.


ADJOURNMENT

At 2:30 p.m., a motion was made by Jimmy Dishner and seconded by Judith Bruce to adjourn the meeting. The vote by the Board was 5-0-0.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED

1. Minutes November 3, 2010
2. November 3, 2010 letter from Cape Abilities regarding 181 Main Street Account #815
3. October 21, 2010 letter from Chester Robinson regarding 195 Route 6A
4. October 2010 list of commitments.
5. November 17, 2010 refund request form.
6. List of URL's from Ann Hodgkinson for sewer policy information.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners