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A regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners/Water Quality Review Committee was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in the Michael G. MacPherson Meeting Room at the Elm Street Pumping Station and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chairman, Robert R. Kostka. Present were: Robert R. Kostka, Fred D. Svenson, Jr., Richard W. Loring, Jr., Mark Devine of Coler & Colantonio, Matthew J. Darsch, Superintendent and Marylou Joyce, Clerk.

The following invoices were approved for payment:

See Attached

On a motion of Fred D. Svenson, Jr., it was voted to approve the records of February 24, 2009, the vote was as follows: Svenson, aye; Loring, aye; Kostka, abstain.

APPOINTMENTS

Mark Devine – Coler & Colantonio

Mark discussed the on-going project to reconstruct Pembroke Street (See 6B, 6C). The board had concerns regarding the depth of water main the composition of and depth of cover, particularly with the amount of traffic and the expected weight of vehicles. Concerns were also raised with the condition of the culvert and the board's opinion that this is a "band-aid approach" to the problems. Mark Devine will respond with a letter to Paul Basler and copies to Mike McGrath at MA Highway, SEA Consultants, and Jack Healey, Interim Town Administrator.

Commissioner Richard W. Loring, Jr. stated that he had submitted an application for consideration as an appointment to the Earth Removal By-law Review Committee. It was the unanimous vote of the board to instruct Ms. Joyce to write a letter of support for Mr. Loring's appointment.

Mr. Kostka asked Mr. Devine to postpone his presentation until later this evening.

Attorney Lindsay Wilson and David Eastridge, Associate Partner – Thorndike Development – Kingston's Place 1021

Mr. Eastridge stated that Thorndike Development is preparing to file their master plan as well as their first phase site plan and are here tonight to discuss the water line installation. The master plan sets the districts for the entire project and the Phase I site plan shows the grading, utilities, stormwater treatment discharge, etc. along with limited building construction. The master plan showed stormwater treatment built into the berm around the pond. Also shown was a walking bridge to enable people to cross over to or from the T Station. Mr. Eastridge stated that on-site security and restricted parking stickers will prevent people from parking on the street and walking across to get the train. The Phase I site plan shows two multi-story buildings, one is retail on the lower level and apartments on the upper level building and the other will serve as

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an on-site office building and will later be converted to a retail/coffee shop/post office building to service residents of the development. There was discussion regarding the water main installation that was proposed to connect to the high-pressure zone on Country Club Way, bypassing the PRV valve and connecting again to the low-pressure zone on Marion Drive. Commissioner Loring explained that this was not a sufficient loop, since while it would prevent stagnation in the water line it would not provide any redundancy. Mr. Eastridge explained that they were hoping that they could receive a temporary o.k. to proceed that would allow them to building these two and possible three or four more buildings and remove approximately 800,000 yards of gravel before a requirement that they install a complete loop. They indicated they would be willing to put such an agreement in writing. Mr. Loring asked when the slip ramp would be completed. Mr. Eastridge stated that the work to complete the slip ramp as well as the connection to Cranberry Road would be on going as a parallel project while the Phase I was completed. Mr. Eastridge stated that according to the agreement the slip ramp must be completed before any occupancy permit would be issued. Mr. Loring asked if the two buildings in Phase I (as well as any other buildings) would remain vacant until the slip ramp was complete. Mr. Wilson stated that the permit prohibited any residential occupancy permit from being issued. Mr. Wilson stated that the proponents are hoping to benefit from some stimulus money to enhance road construction within the project. All water mains will remain the responsibility of Thorndike Development. There was a lengthy discussion regarding other possibilities for providing a looped water main that did not create any long dead-ends. There was no resolution and it was agreed that Mr. Eastridge would continue to work with Mark Devine to see if an acceptable method could be achieved.

With regard to 6E and 6G of new business, it was the unanimous vote of the board to have Ms. Joyce to advise Mr. Healey that the board is unanimously opposed to this proposed land swap and to enumerate the reasons explained by the Commissioners including the potential threat to the drinking water supply by earth removal projects.

Mark Devine – Coler & Colantonio (continued)

The licenses from the MBTA for the Pottle Street Crossing are complete. The work was started yesterday and is expected to be completed by the end of next week.

Mark has received the final draft report on the micro-hydro plant study. He will review it and report back at a future meeting.

1-86 construction plans are on schedule. With regard to the cleaning of Trackle Pond Well, Matt Darsch will check on the progress of the award letter.

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Matthew J. Darsch, Superintendent

Superintendent Darsch discussed the unique opportunity we have to have the state install brand new 16" water main from Lake Street to Grove Street as part of the on-going project to reconstruct Pembroke Street. The cost would be about \$250,000. It was decided to request that we change our warrant article to provide for borrowing to complete the meter project and request that we borrow that amount and add it to the existing system upgrade funding to complete this work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Well Site 1-86
2. Indian Pond Tank
3. R.F.P. – parking at Smith Lane Tank
4. Police Antenna Repair
5. Second Brook Well Site
6. Marty's

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2/27/09 – Board of Sewer Commissioners – Well site 1-86
- b. 3/3/09 – Copy of letter from SEA Consultants to Paul Basler, Hwy. Supt. Re: Pembroke Street Reconstruction Project
- c. 2/11/099 – Copy of letter from MA Highway to Kevin Donovan, Town Adm. re: Pembroke Street Reconstruction Project
- d. 3/5/09 – John F. Healey, Interim Town Adm. re: Earth Removal By-law Committee
- e. 3/5/09 – John F. Healey, Interim Town Adm. re: Potential Economic Dev. Opportunity
- f. Old Colony Planning Council – Pictometry Arial imagery software
- g. 3/3/09 – Nancy Howlett, Assistant to the Town Adm. re: P.A. Landers/Economic Opportunity

APPLICATIONS

The following Application for Water was approved:

Goscon – 15 Page Ave.	\$3700.00
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MONIES RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

Thorndike – Eng. Reimb.	\$813.12
Wrightington – Backflow	\$85.00

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ABATEMENTS

See Attached

COMMITMENTS

See Attached

WATER DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

- a. 3/2/09 – Jack Healey, Interim Town Adm.

WATER QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

No Additional Business

On a motion of Fred D. Svenson, Jr. it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Joyce
Clerk