

August 25, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners/Water Quality Review Committee was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in the Michael G. MacPherson Meeting Room at the Elm Street Pumping Station and was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Vice-Chairman, Fred D. Svenson, Jr. Present were: 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 unanimously voted to approve the records of the meetings of June 23, 2009 and July 14, 2009.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Mark Devine – Coler & Colantonio

Bids for the subcontractors on the construction of Well site 1-86 will be opened on September 11, 2009 and the complete bid opening on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We should be able to recommend the award at our meeting of September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some time was spent reviewing the plans for the station and the chemical feed line.

Mark presented a copy of a water/sewer rate article that appeared the Boston Globe (4A).

There was discussion regarding the Pembroke Street Project. Superintendent Darsch explained that on August 12, 2009 the contractor tried to tap a section of main and the main split apart for the full 20' length. No obvious explanation could be made for this unusual occurrence. Unfortunately two more identical sections have split while being tapped. Mark explained that seven or more years ago there were several events such as this and the pvc pipe manufacturers revised and clarified their tapping instructions and he knew of no other incidents since then. Superintendent Darsch stated that a representative of the pipe manufacturer will be on site for a meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2009. Superintendent Darsch was instructed to write tomorrow to Bernard McCourt at MA Highway with a copy to Frank Tramontozzi and to Paul Basler, Superintendent of Streets, Trees and Parks.

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Attorney Walter Sullivan re: South Shore Medical Center

Mr. Sullivan introduced Barbara Thistle, professional engineer, who is also working on this project.

Mr. Sullivan explained that the original property purchase included a lot that was set aside for a leaching field until it was possible to connect to sewer. Now this parcel of 1 1/2 acres is being proposed for parking. The parking would be for professional staff only. It was suggested by Tom Bott, Town Planner, that porous pavement be used on this proposed parking lot. Mr. Sullivan stated that he believed the porous pavement was also acceptable by the Conscom since the DEP had recently changed their regulations and deemed it was acceptable within a Zone2. Mr. Svenson explained that we just received the information and have not had a chance to review it. We will submit it to Mark Devine. Mr. Sullivan stated that their applications included both impervious surface with a drainage system and porous pavement, which also had a containment system. Mr. Sullivan defended the porous pavement/collection system and proposed daily inspections of the parking lot. Mr. Sullivan stated that the owner of any car that left even one drip of fluid on the parking area would be required to get their car fixed immediately. Mr. Loring stated that the proposal must meet the requirements of our by-law and that in his opinion it would be unwise to make any exceptions. Mr. Loring stated that he believed this proposal for daily inspections was too difficult to enforce and ineffective if a spill has already occurred. Mr. Devine stated that he would review the material and have a recommendation ready for our September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jim Ruprecht – Kingston Nursery

Mr. Ruprecht stated that he would like to connect to town sewer and since his water usage is almost 100% outside use, he would like a separation made for his outside use or a separate out-flow meter. We explained that we do not permit dual meters and suggested he put in a separate line and meter. The cost of a tap would be \$3700.00 and another \$310 for the meter. Mr. Ruprecht stated that he would consider this along with an outside irrigation well.

Matthew J. Darsch, Superintendent

Superintendent Darsch and the board had a lengthy discussion regarding our elevated levels of manganese. Superintendent Darsch stated that he is going to adjust the parco and reduce the pump rate. He will also prevent the transfer of water from the high-pressure zone to the low pressure zone. We will re-test once these changes are made. Superintendent Darsch will also write to Jan Drake at DEP to apprise her of this situation. In a related matter the board did not authorize any bill adjustments to homeowners experiencing poor water quality – especially following water main breaks – they did instruct Superintendent Darsch to write to the homeowners explaining the situation and our efforts to reach a resolution.

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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
7. Joseph Casna – Request for Service Tap

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 8/13/09 – Walter L. Sullivan, Sullivan & Sullivan re: SS Medical Center
- b. 8/7/09 – Copy of letter from Mary Lou Murzyn, Town Clerk to Bd. of Sel. Re: Gen By-law Amendments
- c. Old Colony Planning Council Agenda – 8/26/09
- d. 8/20/09 – email from Daria Cresti, Coler & Colantonio re: 1-86
- e. 8/20/09 – email from Daria Cresti, Coler & Colantonio re: 1-86
- f. 8/4/09 – Walter L. Sullivan, Sullivan & Sullivan re: SS Medical Center
- g. 8/10/09 – MA DEP re: 2008 PWS – Reported and MA DEP-Adjusted UAW and RGPCD Performance Standards
- h. 8/4/09 – Bernard McCourt, MA Highway – re Pembroke St. – Damage to Water Main

APPLICATIONS

None

MONIES RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

Jacob Barnes - Meter	\$310.00
Champion Builders – Meter	\$1240.00

ABATEMENTS

See Attached

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WATER DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

- a. 8/20/09 – Nancy Howlett, Asst. to Town Am. Re: Surplus Vehicles

WATER QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

On a motion of Fred D. Svenson, Jr. it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Joyce