

October 27, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners/Water Quality Review Committee was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in the Michael G. MacPherson meeting room of the Elm Street Pump 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 unanimously voted to approve the records of the meeting of October 13, 2009.

APPOINTMENTS

Mark Devine – Coler & Colantonio

With regard to the manganese problem, Mark recommended Underwater Solutions as a possible contractor to use in determining whether there is any manganese concentrated at the bottom of Elm Street tank. It is expected that they will use divers and we will instruct them to inspect, provide a report of that visual inspection which includes photographs and to also take measurements and samples.

Mark submitted a copy of a letter to Barbato Construction Co, Inc. (construction of the pump station at 1-86) returning the five pages of the contract that require completion prior to our next meeting. Mark also presented a copy of change order #1 issued to P.K.M. Contractors (access road and water main installation at 1-86), Ms. Joyce was instructed to forward this to the Town Administrator and Town Accountant for signature. We will also enclose a cover letter detailing the fill that will be now be designated to the future Senior Center site. P.K.M.'s work within the easement has been completed. We will next meet on site with representatives of Nstar to determine the specifics of power supply.

Chairman Kostka asked Mark Devine to continue his presentation later this evening.

Nick Nikitas, Inn at Plymouth Bay re: Outstanding Water/Sewer Bill

Mr. Nikitas came in to discuss his overdue water/sewer bill. The board noted that Mr. Nikitas has been making substantial weekly payments for quite some time covering new charges, but doing little to reduce the older debt. Mr. Nikitas commented on the negative effect the economy has had on the hotel business and especially regarding the inability to get loans. He is hoping to be able to negotiate a loan soon though that will help him reduce the outstanding bills. Chairman Kostka explained the department difficult financial situation and asked that all be done to bring the account current.

Mark Devine – Coler & Colantonio (continued)

We need to replace the pump at Soule's Pond Well. Mark will report back on the costs of cast iron and stainless steel (which is more expensive, but might last longer).

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Mark presented a sketch of the property surrounding the former Manhasset Gardens. We have an unrecorded access easement through this property as well as water main that feeds Soule's Pond and South Street. Superintendent Darsch stated that he has met with the new owner and that he is willing to grant us the easement although he would like to relocate the access roadway to better accommodate his yard. Superintendent Darsch will follow through with the new owner to obtain this easement. This item will go on old business.

The final micro-hydro report has been submitted to the state. We will now forward our invoices for reimbursement.

Today new plans were received for the culvert work on Pembroke Street. Mark will review them and let Superintendent Darsch know.

Matthew J. Darsch, Superintendent

Superintendent Darsch stated that he contacted Paul Wohler, Superintendent of the Plymouth Water Department. Mr. Wohler stated that their manganese problems come from a well by Exit 5 – not near our Trackle Pond Well. They had a filtering system in place that failed and have since abandoned use of that well.

It was decided that we will get prices from Jesse Schwalbaum, Watershed Hydraulics, regarding test wells around Trackle Pond. If we find a level with less manganese and it is within 50-75' of the Trackle Pond Well we can put in another well without going through the whole permit process again. We will continue to obtain more estimates of cost.

The balance of the evening was spent discussing the budget and the need for a rate increase. Mark is working on a projected rate schedule. It was decided to meet on November 17th to discuss this. We will post a notice.

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. 10/14/09 – email from Suzanne Richards, Sewer Dept. – 1021 Kingston Place
- b. 10/15/09 – email from Amy Barad, MA Renewal Energy Trust re: Micro Hydro Project

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- c. 10/16/09 – email cc from David Doran, Coler & Colantonio to Mark Devine, Coler & Colantonio re: 1-86 Well Site Work
- d. 10/16/09 – email cc from Mark Devine, Coler & Colantonio to PKM Contractors, Inc. re: 1-86
- e. Old Colony Planning Council Agenda – October 28, 2009
- f. 10/23/09 – copy of letter from Jill Myers, Town Adm. to Barbato Const. Re: Construction of pump station at Well site 1-86

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APPLICATIONS

The following Application for Water was approved:

Champion Builders, 52 Nobadeer Circle	\$2950.00
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MONIES RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

Four Seasons Builders - Meter	\$310.00
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ABATEMENTS

See Attached

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WATER DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

- a. 10/14/09 – Maureen Thomas, Cons. Agent re: Porous Pavement within an Overlay District
- b. 10/14/09 – Jill Myers, Town Adm. re: Request for award letter pump station 1-86
- c. 10/20/09 – Nick Nikitas, Dol-fin Realty re: Overdue Water/Sewer Bill

WATER QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

No Additional Business

On a motion of Fred D. Svenson, Jr. it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Joyce
Clerk