

November 17, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners/Water Quality Review Committee was held on Tuesday, November 17, 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 unanimously voted to approve the records of the meeting of October 27, 2009.

APPOINTMENTS

SueAnn and Jack Hurley, 25 High Pines Dr., - Water Quality

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley addressed the board regarding the effects that manganese has had on their appliances and on their ability to use water without worrying about sediment. Mrs. Hurley brought some photographs and items that showed how a sediment film is often present on the inside of the washer and dishwasher. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley explained their frustration, especially when bills become due. Problems have persisted, though, in spite of efforts the department has made by flushing their line and running a new service from the street. There was discussion regarding possible reasons that the Hurley's house is more impacted by manganese sediment than is any other house in the high zone. It was decided that after the Thanksgiving Holiday break, Superintendent Darsch would investigate running a new line from the top of the main or perhaps off of Fox Den Rd. Chairman Kostka also explained that we recently cleaned the Elm Street Tank and removed a great deal of manganese that had settled at the bottom. This is still a temporary solution, however, since sediment will collect again as long as levels remain high from Trackle Pond.

Mark Devine, Coler & Colantonio

Mark presented a study of our existing water rate structure and expenses. The board discussed several alternatives and decided not to raise any existing measured water rates, but to raise the service charge from \$15 to \$24 per quarter effective with the March 2010 bill.

There was a discussion regarding 1-86, with the construction contract receiving signature in preparation for submittal to the Town Administrator and Accountant. Mr. Svenson expressed dissatisfaction with the amount of time Coler & Colantonio has taken in completing this project as well as several others and voiced his disappointment over their performance during the past year.

Some time spent discussing the long-term solutions to the manganese problem including the exploration of test wells to determine the depth of the manganese concentration. Jesse Schwalbaum, of Watershed Hydraulics is working on this for us.

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Matthew J. Darsch, Superintendent

Superintendent Darsch discussed the progress of the Pembroke Street project. They are just completing the last culvert crossing.

John LaBrache, our Town Treasurer has requested an appointment to discuss debt with the board. Unfortunately he cannot make our December 8th meeting. The board decided not to meet on the 22nd of December, so we will invite John to attend on January 12, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

In regard to the email from Jill Myers, Town Administrator, regarding 1021 Kingston's Place, it was decided to invite Town Counsel, Mark Bobrowski to attend our January 8th meeting scheduled for Mr. Geisinger. We hope to receive a draft of a proposed amendment to our old agreement or of a new agreement prior to the 8th. A copy will be send to the board as well as to Ms. Myers who will make it available to Mr. Bobrowski.

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. Manhasset Gardens Easement

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 11/16/09 – Email Mark Devine –Coler & Colantonio re: Proposed Water Rate Changes
- b. 11/11/09 – Email from Mark Devine- Coler & Colantonio re: 1-86
- c. 11/10/09 – email Mark Devine, Coler & Colantonio re: micro-hydro
- d. 11/6/09 – Email from Mark Devine – Coler & Colantonio re: 1-86
- e. 11/4/09 – Jill Myers, Town Adm. re: Use of Town Computers
- f. 10/22/09 – MA Highway re: Pembroke St.
- g. Email cc from Mark Devine – Coler & Colantonio re: 1-86 site Roadway
- h. 11/9/09 – Wage & Personnel Board – re: Amendments
- i. 11/12/09 – Jill Myers, Town Adm. re: Closing of Town House on 11/27/09
- j. FY2011 Town charges
- k. 1/13/09 – John LaBrache, Treasurer re: Debt Schedule
- l. 10/28/09 – Mark Devine – Coler & Colantonio re: Elm St. Plan
- m. 11/12/09 – Jill Myers, Town Adm. re: Thorndike Agreement
- n. 11/10/09 – Lloyd Geisinger – 1021 Kingston Place re: Future Meeting

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APPLICATIONS

The following Application for Water was approved:

Crystal Construction – Conn. & Meter, 140 Pembroke St.	\$4400.17
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MONIES RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

Kelleher Fine Building - Meter	\$310.00
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ABATEMENTS

See Attached

COMMITMENTS

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WATER DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

- a. 10/28/09 – Jill Myers, Town Adm. re: 1-86 Access road change order

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