

**Minutes  
Of  
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners  
January 7, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Chairman W. Euerle, Vice Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk R. Pacella, DPW Director R. Hill, Water Superintendent R. Worthley, Advisory B. Garber, Town Engineer B. Swanson, Finance Director R. Scollins, Planning Board members W. Grieder and K. Weinfeld

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Euerle.

The minutes of November 13, 2012, November 26, 2012 and December 3, 2012 were approved 3-0.

The minutes of December 12th and December 17th were reviewed.

The Board met with Finance Director Randy Scollins to discuss the Park and Recreation rental cabin which has a past due water bill. Their previous tenant did not settle the bills and they now have a new tenant. The total water bill due is \$1033.93 which includes interest. Mr. Scollins has reviewed the situation with the Town Manager and it was discovered that the Park and Rec department has \$60,000 in their rental account and should be able to pay the water bill. The office will send a letter to the Park and Rec department with this information.

The Board originally scheduled a rate hearing for January 14, 2013 but it was not advertized in time. A new date for the rate hearing was set for January 28, 2013. Mr. Worthley will make sure the ad is placed.

Mr. Scollins noted that the sewer account's spending is up 11.5% over last year. There was \$1,150,000 collected and \$1,282,000 in expenses. Mr. Scollins recommends a rate increase of 11-20%, but since we are already half way through the fiscal year, any shortage this year should be taken from Retained Earnings with a transfer at the May Town Meeting. Mr. Scollins stated that he would write a transfer article for the department.

A motion to hold a Public Hearing for a Sewer rate increase not to exceed 7.5% on January 28, 2013 was approved 3-0-0.

In regards to the water account, the revenue is \$368,000 more than what was appropriated at town meeting which is 8.6% higher. There is enough to cover this year's expenses. No Capital Planning was included in these amounts. The billboard revenue was not included either.

A motion to hold a Public Hearing for a Water rate increase not to exceed 6% on January 28, 2013 was approved 3-0-0.

The Board met with Kristine McWilliams to discuss a proposed in-law apartment at 16 Borrows Road. She currently has three bedrooms and would like to add a fourth for her Mother. She hoped to do this in the Spring. The Board explained the capacity problem the town has. She would have to be able to stay under 330 gallons per day by using low flow fixtures. She has applied to the Planning Board.

Mr. Grieder and Mr. Weinfeld of the Planning Board explained that they have a new process for in-law requests where they will not schedule a hearing until all the other affected departments have been heard from.

The Board will take this under advisement until the most current readings can be obtained.

The Board will move the start time of the January 14, 2013 meeting to 7:30 p.m. as there is an IMA meeting that night also.

Mr. Hill discussed a request from a developer in Sharon for sewer capacity in Foxboro. This is the Sharon Commons development just over the Foxboro line. Mr. Hill has spoken with their attorney and they are looking for capacity in the next few months. Mr. Hill would like to be able to hire a water and sewer utility lawyer for situations such as this. The Town Manager has spoken to a few firms.

Mr. Hill noted that a rewrite of the Rules and Regulations will also be needed in the near future.

Foxboro will have approximately 660,000 gallons per day in the new plant plus 175,000 in phase 1 of the IMA. This will be actual flow, not Title 5 numbers. Using the actual numbers frees up 400,000 gallons per day of flow for the town. The department can relieve the taxpayers burden of having to pay for the upgrades through the resale of the capacity. However, there will be less value if costs will have to be incurred to run pipes to the locations of those who want capacity.

The Sharon Crossing development is supposed to have 200,000 sq. ft. of retail and 200 multi-family residences. They are looking for 100,000 gallons per day capacity from Foxboro. They are located 1/2 a mile from a hookup. Mr. Hill stated that they would have to pay for any improvements. There will be no agreements with them before town meeting in March. The Planning Board members advised the Board to be careful dealing with this developer some of his other projects in town have gone under in the recent economy.

The Board met with Jamal Nasri of 52 North Grove Street. He, his wife and his six children came here recently from the war in Syria; they are staying in Foxboro with a relative. He is coming to discuss getting help for the relative to pay for the water and sewer bills for his large family. The Board does not have any means to do anything in this scope and advised Mr. Nasri that they will reach out to other departments who may be able to help including the Discretionary Fund.

The Board discussed the upcoming Town Meeting for IMA funding. Something is needed from the consultant that can be brought to other Town Boards to get their support. Mr. Hill will contact the consultant to get the ball rolling.

Mr. Stanton wanted to discuss the work that Atty. Gelerman had started in regards to writing Town Meeting articles. The Board will send a letter to the Town Manager to have Atty. Gelerman finish writing the articles.

For the FY2014 budget, there is a request to replace the full-time clerk and to add a full-time technician. The department is scheduled to meet with the Advisory Committee on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Sewer Permit for 100 Constitution Way still needs to be signed. The Board was waiting for the actual flow numbers. After discussion, the Board determined that they were assigned 13% of the 80,000 gallons per day for the development which is 10,680 gallons per day. Mr. Hill will confirm this.

There is an application for a change of owner at 100 Central Street. A motion to accept the application for change of owner at 100 Central Street was approved 3-0-0.

Mr. Worthley has received a request for abatement at 23 Pleasant Street due to dirty water. A motion to

deny the abatement was approved 3-0-0.

Mr. Worthley has n new chemical corrosion inhibitor to put into the system and will do so as soon as DEP approval is received.

A motion to pay an invoice to AECOM in the amount of \$15,893 for construction work at the Oak St well was approved 3-0-0.

A motion to pay an invoice to AECOM in the amount of \$18,000 for construction was approved 3-0-0.

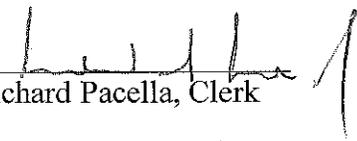
A motion to pay an invoice to AECOM in the amount of \$376 for wasterwater evaluation was approved 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of January 7, 2013 were approved as amended on January 28, 2013.

  
Richard Pacella, Clerk