

**Minutes  
Of  
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners  
March 3, 2014**

Members in Attendance: Vice Chairman R. Pacella, Clerk B. Garber, Water Superintendent R. Worthley, DPW Superintendent R. Hill, BOS G. Coppola

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

Mr. Hill has sent out the latest rate study to the Board members, the price is still at \$43.21 but he recommends it be raised after three years once the funds are needed for the plant expansion.

Mansfield Town Meeting will be on May 6, 2014 and they will be voting on the IMA. Norton has already received Town Meeting authorization.

The Planning Board is submitting an article to Town Meeting to have several roads declared Scenic Roads. Mr. Hill is against that at this time as work needs to be done on some of those roads.

Atty. Madaus will come to a future meeting to discuss the IMA with the Board. The next IMA meeting will be on March 17<sup>th</sup>, a vote is needed from the Board before that meeting. A meeting will be posted at 4:30 p.m. on March 17, 2014 for the Board to vote to approve the IMA.

Mr. Garber is not available the week of March 10, 2014.

The minutes of February 3, 2014 and February 10, 2014 were approved.

Mr. Worthley reported that the basins were cleaned at Witch Pond, there was between 1 ½ to 2 feet of sludge removed.

The SCADA radio system is up and running.

The Abatement form has been updated to ask if the bill is current.

There are some abatement requests still awaiting action by the Board. 98 Central Street which is a rental property looking for a sewer abatement, 56 Leonard which is looking for a sewer abatement and 32 Phyllis which is looking for a water abatement due to a leak.

A new abatement request has been received from the Gaard Motel, they are seeking relief from their bill of \$6,103.23 which was due to a broken pipe on their property. The Board discussed offering them a payment plan since the break was on their property.

A motion to grant an abatement request for the Gaard Motel at 8 Washington Street failed by a vote of 0-2.

A motion to grant the abatement request for 98 Central Street failed by a vote of 0-2.

A motion to grant the abatement request for 56 Leonard Street failed by a vote of 0-2.

A motion to grant the abatement request for 32 Phyllis Road failed by a vote of 0-2.

The Board discussed the need for a written policy for abatement requests.

Correspondence has been received from the daughter of a homeowner who had a radio read meter installed. She wants it removed as she feels it is hazardous to her elderly mother's health. The Board would like the history of the account looked at. Remedies offered include charging the minimum price and reading the meter once a year or offer to let them install an outdoor meter pit with the radio read meter in it away from the house. A letter will be sent to inform them of the options.

There has been a request for an extension to the water line on East Belcher Street for a microbrewery.

A motion to approve payment of an invoice from HDR for the rate analysis in the amount of \$2,223.24 was approved 2-0.

A motion to approve payment of an invoice from HDR for technical support at Witch Pond in the amount of \$942.96 was approved 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of March 3, 2014 were approved on April 14, 2014

  
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Robert Garber, Clerk