

**Minutes
Of
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners
January 25, 2011**

Members in Attendance: Chairman Phillip Henderson, Vice Chairman Michael Stanton, Clerk Bill Euerle, Superintendent Leo Potter, Town Manager Kevin Paicos (until 7:10)

The meeting was opened at 6:00.

The Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 6:05 to discuss sale and transfer of real property, and the Board returned to the regular meeting at 6:15.

The Board and Town Manager discussed the concept of combining the Water and Sewer Department with the Highway, Tree, and Park Department, creating a Department of Public Works. While a great deal of significant functionality and cost allocation remains to be worked out, the Board generally agreed to endorse the concept.

Ultimately, the Board approved the following, 3-0:

Voted to endorse the DPW concept as outlined and will create an interim position for a Water and Sewer manager who will have the State required licenses and appropriate expertise in operating water and sewer districts consistent with State requirements for primary operator.

This position is expected to be "part time" and considered "transitional" while the DPW positions are staffed, and its ultimate timeframe and permanence determined as the DPW plan is implemented.

Wall Street Sewer problem: The Superintendent reported that Town Council has determined that paving the entire parking lot as requested by the owner, Mr. Vacca, of 10-20 Wall Street in exchange for an uncontested easement is less expensive than seeking an easement by eminent domain through legal channels. The Board had previously voted to allow the Superintendent to proceed to get the defective sewer section rebuilt when the agreement was reached – so this project can proceed when weather and working conditions permit.

Oak Street Water Treatment Plant (proposed): Foxboro's application for State Revolving Funds for this project has not resulted in any funding for the project – Foxboro's SRF Water Project score was 53 points, while the low cutoff score for funding was 70 points. While not what we had hoped, we may yet receive funding if "approved" projects in other towns cannot actually take advantage of their funding grants – making the funding available for towns somewhat lower on the list.

The Superintendent reported that the CIP budget and planning meeting will now be held March 12 and he can attend. Mr. Stanton agreed to present the BWSC requests.

The Conservation Commission would like to name the hiking trail that passes thru Water Department property at South Street (Station 2) after Mr. Bill Hocking. The Board had no objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Euerle

These minutes of January 25, 2011 were approved as amended on April 5, 2011.


William Euerle, Clerk