

**Minutes
Of
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners
November 26, 2012**

Members in Attendance: Chairman W. Euerle, Vice Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk R. Pacella, DPW Superintendent R. Hill, Advisory B. Garber, Town Engineer B. Swanson

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

The Board met with Rich Feeley and Kevin Weinfeld of Mayfair Realty. Last Wednesday they had dirty water in their buildings at Putnam Village and Pine Tree Gardens. This was the day before Thanksgiving and the residents were very upset. Mr. Feeley stated that this problem has been going on for years but was particularly bad on this day. Mr. Hill stated that there was a problem with a thrust blocker on Payson Road earlier in the week that may have caused this problem. Another factor may have been taking the Oak Street wells offline for rehabilitation; other wells take over for these wells and cause a reverse in the usual flow. The department is also flushing the system, which hasn't been done in years. All of these things stir up sediment in the water pipes.

Mr. Weinfeld stated that he has over 400 units in town and is one of the largest consumers in town. He buys water restrictive devices for his properties. He would like to know if the hydrants at Putnam Road and Pine Tree Gardens could be opened and drained to help alleviate the problem. Mr. Hill will look into this.

The Board met with Judith Hershman of 41 Mechanic Street and her neighbor. She is asking for abatement for dirty water problems she and her neighbors experienced from Oct 30th to Nov 6th. She and her tenants had to empty their hot water tanks multiple times. Mr. Hill stated that removing the Oak Street wells from the system reversed the flow and built up sediment in the water pipes was loosened and released. He then explained that a second filtration plant will be online next year which will help with these issues. A third plant may also be needed in the future. The department has not given abatements for dirty water issues.

Mr. Hill stated that he is getting proposals for a hydraulic model of the system. This will show how the water moves and the best sequence of flushing. He has concluded that an interim water rate change is needed. A long range CIP plan is also needed and an advertising program is needed to notify residents of areas being flushed.

Dan Kranz will come to the next meeting on December 3rd. He may also be available to meet with Mr. Stanton during the week.

The Board discussed the office staffing situation and the need to schedule a public hearing for proposed rate increases.

A motion to approve a sewer permit for 21 Green Street was approved 3-0. The previous usage was 210 GPD.

The Meditech building is tied into the sewer allocation from the Foxboro Lodge. Mr. Hill will check on their specific allocation.

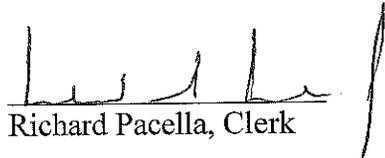
The Oak Street Water Treatment Plant block work is done and 2/3 of the fascia is complete. They are waiting for the tanks to be delivered.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

These minutes of November 26, 2012 were approved as amended on January 7, 2013.


Richard Pacella, Clerk