

Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2015

Members in Attendance: Michael Stanton, Chairman; Richard Pacella, Vice-Chairman; and Robert Garber, Clerk

Others in Attendance: Roger Hill, DPW Director; Robert Worthley, Superintendent; Christopher Gallagher, Town Engineer; Don Bunker, Faye, Spofford & Thorndike; Frank Spillane, Randy Scollins, Bill Keegan, and Ginny Coppola

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanton. There was no Executive Session.

Matters Discussed:

Water Master Plan

Don Bunker from FST/Stantec made a power point presentation to the Board with regard to the master plan. He pointed out five areas where the master plan would help: 1) Assess future water supply needs; 2) Develop long term strategy to prioritize water system improvements; 3) maximize impact to water quality of capital expenditures, 4) prioritize list of pipe replacement and 5) a short term plan for maintenance. After his presentation, the Board had an opportunity to discuss and ask questions regarding his presentation. There was a specific question regarding the work that has already been done toward establishing a water master plan. Don estimated that the work done to date is about 30-40% completed and that the water master plan could use what is already done. The Board asked Don to prepare a scope and cost estimate that is broken down in such a way that the Board could review the scope and their options; i.e. addressing the most pressing issues first. It will take approximately 3-6 months to implement the water master plan. This will remain an agenda item.

Water and Sewer Issues

1. Frank Spillane appeared for his client, the Estate of Audrey Greeley who died on 6/11/15. He was requesting an abatement on a \$3,000 water bill. His client owned a duplex at 48 East Street. During a time in the spring, she was in and out of the hospital and there was no tenant in one half of the duplex, and the tenant in the other part of the duplex was away. There was a water pipe break that went unnoticed for a period of time. Prior to her death, Ms. Greeley had begun to apply for an abatement, but did not complete the paperwork. The Estate has paid the bill, but they are looking for some relief. After discussion, a motion was made by Robert Garber and seconded by Michael Stanton, to issue an abatement from \$3,000 to \$100 on Bill #119717. All were opposed and the motion was unanimously rejected.
2. Bill Keegan and Randy Scollins appeared before the Board to request an abatement for a sewer bill that covered the period from September through November, 2014. There was an extraordinarily large amount of water that went through the sewer (84,400 c.f.) during the period in question. That amount is 31% higher than normal use. The cause of the extra water is not known, but the Town is

seeking an abatement of the sewer bill. A portion of the sewer bill (approximately \$21,000) has been paid. There is approximately an additional \$6,000 owed.

3. The resident at 5 Harwell Street has sent an email concerning his water bill which was unusually high. He was having construction work done and was not even in residence. The Board will not take this into consideration until the bill is paid in full.
4. After discussion regarding the water restrictions, Robert Garber made a motion to lift the water restrictions, Richard Pacella seconded it and all were in favor.
5. Roger Hill reported that he had spoken with Dan Krantz and he would like to discuss purchasing Well 5. No action was taken on this issue.
6. The Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2015 were presented and there was discussion with regard to one change in the minutes, which was to include the reason for the Executive Session. Upon motion of Robert Garber and seconded by Richard Pacella, it was voted to accept the Meeting Minutes as revised.
7. The Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2015 were presented, and upon motion of Robert Garber and seconded by Richard Pacella, it was voted to accept the Meeting Minutes.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2015. Upon motion duly made by Robert Garber and seconded by Michael Stanton, it was voted to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne L. Zinni

These minutes of October 13, 2015 were approved on October 19, 2015



Robert T. Garber, Clerk