

**Minutes  
Of  
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners  
February 4, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Vice Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk R. Pacella, DPW Director R. Hill, Water Superintendent R. Worthley, Town Engineer B. Swanson, Town Manager K. Paicos, B. Garber, Planning Board members K. Weinfeld, and G. Greene, Board of Selectmen G. Coppola

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

The Board met with Town Manager Kevin Paicos about the sewer funding model recently prepared. Mr. Paicos and the Finance Director do not feel that there is a basis to support bonding at town meeting. They would rather see the department run as a business enterprise fund. This would be a strategy change.

Mr. Paicos stated that within thirty days, they should be able to negotiate an agreement with at least one of the parties to give the department back their excess flow which could then be pre-sold. The price for potential buyers could be sold at a discount with a commitment. Mr. Stanton would like to see a commitment before July 1<sup>st</sup> on getting the excess flow from the commercial users.

Mr. Paicos also knows of a major existing commercial user who wants additional capacity.

Mr. Stanton would like to see a second level review through an outsider such as Todd Hassett.

Mr. Pacella would still rather have a vote through town meeting.

Mr. Paicos stated that the model is self-funding so no bond through the taxpayers is necessary.

The board would like any models going forward to be with the interest at market rate, which are currently 3 to 3.5%.

Mr. Paicos stated that Rep Jay Barrows says funding is in place, if market rates are to be used, then more capacity will need to be sold. There is a funding gap of 3-5 years while the plant is being constructed. The Board needs strategies on how to pay the debt service during that time.

Mr. Stanton thinks that SRF funding will not be available. He would like to see another scenario before any final decisions are made.

The Board discussed the buy in charge rate. The new scenarios will change that rate, which is currently proposed at \$30 per gallon.

There will be three ways to fund the debt service. Through the sewer rates, the buy in fees or new gallons sold. One of these variables will change with new scenarios.

Mr. Paicos is looking for direction from the Board on bonding. His office is putting together a package of information on the Town Meeting votes on creating the sewer district and the authority to create a sewer district.

The Board could ask for a non-binding advisory opinion of town meeting.

The recaptured gallons to sell would be a large amount of capital one time only. The buy in fees would equal no rate increase for existing users for four to six years.

There is also an out of town user who would like capacity. Mr. Stanton feels it is premature to consider any third party proposals. Mr. Weinfeld stated that the out of town request comes from an individual with current legal problems already.

The Board needs to decide whether they want a non-binding vote of town meeting or public meetings with other boards and the public.

Mr. Hill stated that even if the Board decides to not buy in the new plant, it will be very expensive to the current users as the town will still need to pay for improvements to the plant.

The Board discussed whether a public service announcement needs to be made on the current water quality issues in parts of town. A statement could be read at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. Worthley stated that there have been no calls for bad water today. He received permission from the DEP last Friday to change the chemicals which will hopefully help to improve the rusty water problems. The chemicals were changed at 2:00 today, they are meant to help keep the materials on the water pipe and not leech into the system.

The replacement piping at Cannon Forge is complete.

The Oak Street plant is on schedule.

Shannon Sylvia from Cable Access would like to meet with Board members on Friday at 12:00 to record a session on the water problems and what is being done to resolve it.

A sewer permit is being requested for 225 Central Street, they would like to tear down and put up a modular home. The emergency connection was approved through Lee Azaneria as there is no room for a septic system on the property. A motion to approve the Sewer Permit for 225 Central Street for 230 GPD was approved 2-0.

There are outstanding legal bills to be paid. The Board would like to discuss them with the Town Manager.

A motion to approve an invoice for AECOM for Construction at the Oak Street Plant in the amount of \$26,000 was approved 2-0.

A motion to approve an invoice for AECOM for work on residential billing in the amount of \$19,000 was approved 2-0.

A motion to approve an invoice for AECOM for hydrologic and wetlands monitoring in the amount of \$4,838 was approved 2-0.

A motion to approve an invoice for AECOM for professional services - wastewater in the amount of \$400 was approved 2-0.

The minutes of December 12, 2012 were approved 2-0.

The minutes of December 17, 2012 were approved 2-0.

The minutes of January 7, 2013 were approved 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of February 4, 2013 were approved as amended on March 4, 2013.

  
Richard Pacella, Clerk