

**Minutes  
Of  
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners  
July 22, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk B. Garber DPW Director R. Hill, Water Superintendent R. Worthley, Town Engineer B. Swanson, Board of Selectmen G. Copolla

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

The Board met with Andrea and Steve Parsons on 16 Bradford Avenue in regards to their water problems. Mrs. Parsons stated that she doesn't call every time there is a problem, but things are getting worse. They have a filter in their house that they used to change every six months, now it is being changed more often. Last week they had black water in their toilets. When a Water Department employee came to the house, he gave them a hard time. The Board noted that the temperatures have been high lately and a lot of water is being used by the townspeople. There are four wells offline due to the new treatment plant being constructed, so the rest of the wells are having a hard time keeping up with the demand. Once Oak Street is back online, the problem should be alleviated. The Parsons would like to know if they could be reimbursed for filters purchased. The Board does not pay for filters or compensate for dirty water problems. The Parsons are frustrated with their situation.

The Board discussed Level III Emergency Restrictions. The hot weather has brought the system close to having to implement emergency restrictions. A protocol and policy needs to be authorized in case it has to be implemented; this requires a vote of the Board.

The protocol would be to call an emergency meeting; no watering in town would be allowed and the department would have authorization to shut off service of violators. The town would be notified of these restrictions through the 911 phone system and the media. This will be a standing agenda item until the weather changes. The recent thunderstorms did restore some of the tanks.

Mr. Pacella has submitted a conflict notice; his cousin is submitting a bid. The Town Clerk feels that is the only step needed at this time.

The Board discussed a second meter policy for gardeners. This is the result of a request of a resident with a large garden who would like a second meter and will pay to have it installed. There is a policy for two meters, but it's usually only for sprinklers. A second meter requires approval of the Board.

Mr. Swanson feels that the second meter should be charged a higher rate to account for the lost sewer revenue.

A motion to approve a second meter for this one resident was approved 2-0.

The Board discussed the billboard on Route 1. There has been a blank face on one of the

billboards for quite awhile. The Board would like to see at least a Public Service Announcement there so something will be on the sign, it's better than the blank face.

The final paving was done at Oak Street. The attorney's for the three towns will be meeting to review the paperwork; Mr. Swanson will be attending that meeting also.

The plans for the proposed DPW building were reviewed by the Board recently. Pricing needs to be looked at for Fall Town Meeting next.

The minutes of July 1, 2013 were approved 2-0.

The minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> need to be reviewed.

Mr. Worthley stated that well #4 is back online; this is the well on Sprague Street. It is running temporarily until a permanent solution can be found for the contact chamber.

Mr. Worthley was approached by the Human Resource Director, the Finance Department is concerned with the amount of overtime by the office and wants to know how long it will continue since a new person was hired. Mr. Worthley informed her that there are many things that need to be caught up on so overtime will continue for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Garber received an email from Selectmen DeVellis about a customer, Bob Siteman who is questioning the minimum billing amount, he has a failing septic system so he doesn't use much water and feels the minimum bill should be lower. He also thinks there is something wrong with a meter he had in the past and wants credit for the amount overbilled. Mr. Siteman can come to a future meeting to discuss this with the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of July 22, 2013 were approved as amended on August 19, 2013.

  
Robert Garber, Clerk