

**Minutes
Of
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners
March 18, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Chairman W. Euerle, Vice Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk R. Pacella, DPW Director R. Hill, B. Garber, Planning Board G. Greene and W. Grieder, BOS G. Coppola, A. Reynolds, Kraft Organization Dan Kranz and Brian Earle, Pete Dowd, Special Town Counsel Steve Madaus, Water Superintendent R. Worthley (at 7:40 p.m.), Town Engineer B. Swanson (at 7:50 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Euerle.

The Board met with Dan Kranz of the Kraft Organization and Brian Euerle the General Manager of Patriots Place. Accompanying them was Pete Dowd who is the General Manager of Skipjacks. They recently submitted a letter to the Board in regards to their water quality at the restaurant. They were experiencing episodes of brown water. Mr. Dowd is not happy that his bills have increased and the water is bad. The water problems are of great concern to patrons at the restaurant, he has to bring in bottled water for cooking and serving the guests. His establishment needs to stay open even if the water has problems. He would like the problems fixed. He does have water filters on site.

The Board members asked if the water quality has been better for the past six weeks and he stated that is has.

Mr. Worthley arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Hill explained the problem is caused by the iron and manganese in the ground water and how the chlorine that is added to the water causes the iron to turn into particles in the system. The treatment plant that is being constructed caused the water flow to reverse itself which added to the problem. The weather is not cooperative for flushing right now so a chemical was added to sequester the particles; this was added to the system on January 30th. Since the chemical was added, there have not been many complaints about dirty water, before it was added; the department was receiving 40 complaints a day. The treatment plant should be online by October which will be a more permanent solution. Another plant will be needed in the future also. A flushing program will begin when the weather breaks.

Mr. Earle asked that he be notified when the flushing will be starting so he can tell everyone to be prepared. He can pass the information on to the shops and restaurants at Patriots Place.

Mr. Stanton stated that the department has been selling water below costs for many years so now they are paying the consequences.

Mr. Swanson arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Reynolds explained that he notifies Chris Wheeler and Mr. Kranz as soon as he knows when

problems occur.

Mr. Kranz stated that not all areas of Patriots Place have problems. There are filters installed in the known problem areas.

Mr. Earle stated that this is a problem that occurs in areas other than Patriots Place and that the town should step up and help the business owners.

Mr. Reynolds stated that he will notify them ASAP when events happen.

Mr. Worthley would like to be notified when they do notice a problem so that it can be tracked.

Mr. Stanton feels that communication is important and they all need to work together.

Mr. Kranz explained that there are some new operational personnel and he will introduce them to Mr. Reynolds.

He also invited the Board to a meeting at the Patriots Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 13th, the Board of Health will be coming also.

Mr. Hill offered to take Mr. Kranz to the Oak Street plant under construction to show him the progress to the plant.

Mr. Reynolds stated that the stadium will be flushed again in April; it is done twice a year. This is in addition to town flushing.

The Board met with Special Town Counsel Steve Madaus in regards to the IMA.

Mr. Hill stated that the IMA needs to be finalized to the satisfaction of Foxboro and Mansfield. Norton will then have ninety days to agree to join the district or not. If Norton decides not to join, then the capacity of the plant will be reduced.

Atty. Madaus stated that the paperwork does not state this is an agreement establishing a district; it just modifies the existing IMA agreement.

The ownership of the land the plant will be on is in question also. The land will either be purchased by Norton or Mansfield. The current facility is owned by Mansfield but on Norton's land. There could be title issues with this land also. Mr. Hill stated that the Town Manager met with Mr. Ross the Mansfield Town Manager and was told that Norton has defaulted on the land purchase and Mansfield will be moving forward to purchase the land.

Atty. Madaus will look at other Regional District Agreements and compare it to the proposed IMA agreement. He feels it is a major transition to go from an IMA to a regional agreement.

In regards to the questions asked by the Board previously, Atty. Madaus stated that permission to enter the district agreement was received by vote of Town Meeting in 2008. In regards to the

creation of a Service District, a vote of Town Meeting will be needed. Mr. Hill stated that a base map is being created.

A new member is needed for the IMA as Mr. Euerle is not running for re-election. A motion to appoint Mr. Pacella as a member of the IMA was approved 3-0.

The minutes of February 19, 2013 and February 25, 2013 were approved 3-0.

Mr. Worthley stated that the state's Annual Report was submitted on time. It shows a high amount of unaccounted for water.

A motion to pay an invoice to Deutch Williams for legal work on the licensing issues in the amount of \$609 was approved 3-0.

A motion to approve a change of owner at 9 Leonard Street at 144 GPD was approved 3-0.

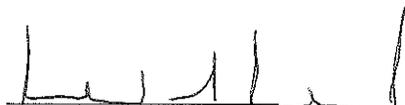
The meeting of March 25th was cancelled. Meeting dates were set for April 1, April 8, April 16, April 22 and April 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of March 18, 2013 were approved as amended on April 1, 2013.


Richard M. Pacella, Jr., Clerk