

**Minutes  
Of  
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners  
June 15, 2010**

Members in Attendance: Chairman P. Henderson, Vice Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk Bill Euerle, Superintendant L. Potter, AECOM Bob Bell

The minutes of May 17, 2010 were approved 3-0.

The minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> were reviewed.

The Board discussed the Contract Design of the proposed Oak Street water treatment facility. Town Counsel Rod Hoffman will submit a formal letter of opinion for the design RFQ/RFP as a follow up to the email that was received by the Board. The Board would like to fast track the design to be able to meet the SRF deadline.

A motion to approve AECOM for the design phase of the Oak Street Water Treatment Facility was approved 3-0.

B. Bell (AECOM) will meet with the Patriots to discuss the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility and Leaching Field values on Route One, which are covered in the MOU for May, 2007.

The payment for the signage advertizing was received today; it is in the financial office.

An email has been received from Lorraine Brue; she is on the Space Planning Committee for the proposed Town Hall renovations. The Board feels she needs to discuss the office needs with Ellen Watson, the office manager; she would be more familiar with the storage needs of the department. The Board would like to have a designated meeting room.

There will be new regulations for open meetings beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>; a detailed agenda will need to be posted for meetings. Agenda items will need to be in by the Friday before a Tuesday meeting. There will be new regulations for minutes too; hardcopies of all correspondence needs to be attached to the minutes.

A request has been received from the YMCA; they want to open a Community Garden on Mechanic Street and would like water service. The department will provide a meter and hose connection; they will pay for the service and water use. It is a \$2,400 connection charge and \$700 for a new meter and to pay for police services. The total cost will be around \$3,500. M. Stanton wanted to know if this is the part of Mechanic Street that was just paved. Bill Buckley of Bay Colony will be submitting a plan showing the location on Mechanic Street. The YMCA will be selling the produce, they have received a grant and something needs to be produced this year as a part of the grant requirements. They also need to go before the Conservation Committee. They will not fall under the water restrictions as they are raising food. A motion to approve the request as long as it is not in the newly paved section of Mechanic Street was approved 3-0.

A resident has inquired if power washing the house is allowed under the water restrictions. The Department's interpretation of the rule is that if water is being used to prepare the house for painting or removing mold or mildew, it is allowed.

A motion to approve a three year contract to Weston Sampson for the limited maintenance of three sewer lift stations as the low bidder was approved 3-0.

L. Potter has been working with Town Counsel on an extension agreement for Comcast.

As part of the sewer negotiations, M. Stanton wants to put the signage out to market. P. Henderson is waiting for refreshed numbers from the Patriots and would then like to meet with the group again. Another option proposed would be to sell the tower and the land back to the Patriots.

The IMA legislation is in process. Mansfield has been working on acquiring the land for the disposal of treated effluent.

The department had a booth at Founder's Day last weekend.

L. Potter reviewed a summary of the water and sewer revenues for the year with the Board to decide on the rate increase numbers. The Board discussed not putting the signage money to subsidize the water rates and instead putting it into Capital projects. The water rates need to be raised by 18% and the sewer rates by 5%. A public hearing can be held on July 13, 2010.

A motion to hold a public hearing to raise the water rates by an amount not to exceed 18% and to raise the sewer rates by an amount not to exceed 5% on July 13, 2010 was approved 3-0.

As raised by W. Euerle, the Board discussed continuing as an independent board. If the Board became an appointed Board, he stated that more qualified members could possibly be appointed by the Selectmen. This is an issue to think about.

The Board discussed the next steps if the Sewer Legislation goes through.

A replacement search committee for the Superintendent will be discussed at a future meeting.

The next meeting is on June 29, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Gray  
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These minutes of June 15, 2010 were approved as amended on August 3, 2010.

  
William Euerle, Clerk