

**Minutes
Of
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners
April 13, 2010**

Members in Attendance: Chairman P. Henderson, Vice Chairman R. Olsen, Clerk M. Stanton, Superintendent L. Potter, Bill Euerle

The minutes of March 3rd executive session, March 18th executive session, March 23rd and March 30th were reviewed.

Christopher and Elizabeth Karvonen of 48 South Street came in to speak to the Board in regards to a septic system problem they have at their house, their system will not pass inspection. Mr. Karvonen has already spoken with P. Henderson and he has been advised of the moratorium for sewer connections however, his house is located right next to town hall, which is the line for the critical needs area. They have already met with the Board of Health who authorized an emergency provision for sewer tie-in; Mr. Karvonen provided the letter from the Board of Health. L. Potter stated that this situation is similar to the one at the Lutheran Church; they ended up working out a plan with a neighbor to build a joint septic system. Mr. Karvonen doesn't have this option, he explained to the Board that due to the size of the lot and the location of town hall utilities, they have no on site solution. The Board would have to forward the information to Mansfield for their consideration and to ask if they could be included in the district and if they could be allowed to connect. This is a three bedroom house; the appeal would have to be made based on the actual flow. A motion to petition Mansfield for a hardship connection at 48 South Street based on the Board of Health input and the resident's submittal was approved 3-0.

L. Potter has received one bid to test backflow preventers and cross connections for \$92,475 for three years from Water Services and Associates. They will test the cross connections in buildings one or two times a year, there are approximately 640 in town. The building owner is billed for the charges. A motion to approve the contract was approved 3-0.

The Board met with Amy Keenan and Mike Allen of Comcast to discuss the communications tower on Hill Street, they are not renewing the contract and would like to know the disposition of the tower and equipment which includes the building and a generator. They are not interested in renting out the tower; they are not a cell phone company and don't want to be a landlord. Most people keep the towers and find a new tenant for it, they have taken down very few. P. Henderson would like something a writing stating what would be left there and an official notice that the use is being discontinued. They will remove all the antennas from the tower. M. Stanton stated that unless the town is able to get a tenant who will pay and maintain it, he would be reluctant to have the town take over the liability. He would like some time to see if they could find a tenant. Mr. Allen is fine with this request as long as they are able to stop the rent at the end of June; they will give the town two months to see if a tenant could be found. They will submit copies of the inspection reports and a complete inventory. Ms. Keenan thinks that if a tenant is found, they might pay up to \$2000 a month.

L. Potter informed the Board that correspondence will be sent to the charter school, they have a condition in their permit that if their flow is exceeded in a quarter, they need to come in to explain how they will reduce their numbers.

The group home at 49 Barrows Road wants to expand; they are not allowed to put in a septic system unless they disconnect their sewer. The Board of Health inquired about this last night.

A motion to approve payment to AECOM for the start up costs at Witch Pond in the amount of \$6000 was approved 3-0. They might still have a few change orders in the first year.

A motion to approve payment to AECOM for the sewer system expansion evaluation in the amount of \$5,484.16 was approved 3-0.

A motion to approve payment to AECOM for the wetlands monitoring program in the amount of \$11,862.72 was approved 3-0.

There will be an informational meeting for the Sewer District Home Rule Petition on April 15th between 6 – 8 p.m. R. Olsen and M. Stanton will be there, P. Henderson might be able to attend for awhile.

M. Stanton is still trying to meet with the Foxboro Cable rep.

The next meeting with the Advisory Board is April 20th.

L. Potter brought up the annual water restrictions; they usually begin May 1st and go to September 30th. He is recommending the same schedule as last year. M. Stanton wanted to know what happens if they wait until the state threshold is reached. L. Potter doesn't know the numbers until the annual report is received due to staggered readings. If we wait there will be problems with the interbasin transfer and a plan to comply with the 65 GPD limit would need to be submitted to the DEP and Water Resource Commission. A motion to vote in the restrictions as Monday and Thursday, Tuesday and Friday with no Wednesday, Saturday or Sundays was approved 3-0.

Flushing will start next week and continue until mid May. A valve is being installed on Baker Street tonight, this work will continue onto Chestnut until mid May to replace the valves and hydrants.

The Advisory Board has requested a reordering of the warrant articles; they would like to put the Oak Street treatment plant before the library. The Board discussed pulling the warrant article to fund the sewers as there is not enough time to complete the negotiations with the Patriots before Town Meeting. A motion to contact the Board of Selectmen to request that they remove the warrant articles to fund the sewers was approved 3-0. The other two towns in the regional proposal think that Foxboro is the toughest to get. The Board is not sure if this will affect the negotiations with the Patriots, the deadline for negotiations is April 22nd.

Plans have been received for a modification of Village Estates; they would like to make building three duplexes instead of three singles. The YMCA is interested in adding a pool; they currently have 7,500 sq. ft, but are only using 4,000. L. Potter will send comments.

R. Olsen's last meeting is on April 27th. The Board set another meeting for May 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

These minutes of April 13, 2010 were approved as amended on May 17, 2010.



~~William Euerte~~, Clerk

MICHAEL P. STANTON