

Foxborough Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Agenda

January 24, 2023

Members in Attendance: Mike Stanton, Chairman, Rich Pacella, Vice Chair and Robert Garber, Secretary

Other in Attendance: Chris Gallagher, DPW Director, Bob Worthley, Superintendent, Lance DelPriore, Town Engineer

Discuss Mansfield/Foxborough IMA revision

Chris explained that Mansfield is in process of creating IMA's with other surrounding towns and was using Foxborough/Mansfield IMA as a template. After further review by their town council realized they did not have the legal ability to lien properties outside of Mansfield as previously thought.

Mike felt it appeared 1 sided and looks as though Foxborough is taking over infrastructure in Mansfield, and is also concerned with emergency connections as the last time we Mansfield utilized this connection they lost 1 million gallons of Foxborough water.

Bob Worthley explained that the new emergency connection will allow water to flow both ways through a pump system.

Chris explained that Mansfield infrastructure will remain Mansfield's as it always has been.

Mike – is it the pleasure of the board to vote?

Chris – Stephen Madaus has reviewed,

Bob Graber made a motion to accept IMA between Mansfield and Foxborough. Second by Rich.

Discussion by Mike – amend motion as submitted 1/24/23

Rich stated that it is important for the emergency connection to be metered.

Vote 3-0 signed and dated Jan 24, 2023, Keegan's signature will be notarized when he signs.

Discuss FY24 Budget

Budget has been submitted – water and sewer up approximately 3%.

Mike – Electric up 50%, wanted to make sure we have accounted for escalation.

Mike questioned if the additional administrative position is included in the submitted budget.

Chris explained that due to the large leak found in March of 2022, it is anticipated that the well/pump run time will be reduced by 20-25% along with a reduction in chemical costs, so we did not show the drastic increase in those line items that we have in our town budgets.

Discuss FY24 Rate Study

Shawn Koorn – HDR, has been brought back on board to look at options for water and sewer rates. They are now under contract and working on the revenue increase required and then move on to options.

Mike would like to see the proposed rate increases and options 45 days prior to rate study

Bob Garber asked if there was discussion over holding minimum rate?

Chris – Yes, Bob Worthley has heard from several residents, including senior citizens and that is one of the options that we are exploring.

Discuss WRC permit requirements

Bob Worthley – When state declares a drought, we are now required by our Interbasin Transfer permit to follow the state watering restrictions.

Mike Stanton – What action is required?

Bob Worthley – need a vote to accept the amended changes to Water Regulations, Article 12 dated Feb 1, 2023

Motion by Rich, second by Bob, motion approved unanimously.

Project Updates

West St continues to move forward

Raw Water Main from Sprague to Witch Pond will be out to bid this spring.

Foxborough is on the Draft Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water SRF in the amount of \$14,000,000 to construct a PFAS plant at Pumping Station Rd.

EPA Grant for \$400,000 to study sewer on route 1-. We are exploring options of doing a down-stream analysis to the MFN Plant.

Mike Stanton – Chestnut Green connections to town sewer

Still a dispute between King & Vinco, potential project in the works to sell the auditorium,

Rich Pacella – benefit to the town to get the auditorium on the taxes, gets it on town sewer,

Mike has concerns over the balance of the sewer capacity capital balance.

As a policy matter – should Water/Sewer support?

Mike Stanton – PFAS – a lot of information about lawsuits, best in-home treatment is 70ppt,

Certified letter to legal team of 3M and DuPont, asking how they plan to proceed? Not sure what next step is.

- Action Items:

- Review\Finalize\Vote\Sign Minutes

- September 6, 2022 – Motion by Bob G, second by Rich – approved 3-0
 - November 8, 2022 – Motion by Bob G, second by Mike – approved 2-0 1 abstention

- Superintendent's Report

- Discuss/Approve/Sign - Invoices/Contracts/Permits/Abatement Requests

- Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

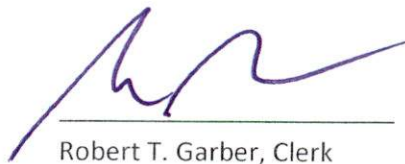
49 Borrows Rd – previous sewer customer – paid betterment over 20 years, no fee required as paid the betterment – condition it to 330 gallons per day.

Rich Pacella is up for re-election and will be running for one more term.

Rate Hearing – May 16, advertise April 13, Rate Study March 28th meeting, April 11 as follow up discussion.

Motion to adjourn 8:20pm

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These minutes of January 24, 2023 were approved on April 11, 2023


Robert T. Garber, Clerk