



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Robert Wilson, Chair
Cranston Rogers, Member
Leo O'Rourke, Member

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 06/20/16

May 16, 2016
Middle School
School Presentation Room
45 Holliston Street

Present: Robert Wilson, Leo O'Rourke, Chan Rogers, DPS Director Thomas Holder and Program Administrator Judi LaPan.

A motion was made by Robert Wilson to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:03 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Tom Holder, Robert Wilson and Leo O'Rourke discussed, honored and thanked Chan Rogers for his service to our country. Chan is a World War II veteran who is not in attendance tonight as he is part of a group of U.S. liberators, Holocaust survivors and Israeli soldiers set to visit Auschwitz, one of the most infamous concentration camps, to share their stories as part of the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces "From Holocaust to Independence" mission.

Bob Wilson makes a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Bob Wilson makes a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Abatements:

Medway Café – Bob Wilson asks Tom Fair from Medway Café if they had any updates or new information on finding the cause of their leaks? Tom tells the Commissioners only what he had already found and repaired. The Meter Test results came back and the meter is reading accurately.

Bob Wilson makes a motion to abate 30,000 cf of sewer for the 8/25/13 bill, at the sewer rate at that date. This is the timeframe when the most significant of the leaks occurred. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Abatelements continued:

6 Stanley Rd – This is a continuation of discussions regarding the non compliance fee assessed to this account when the owner did not have an AMR meter installed in 2011/2012. The Commissioners requested proof of notification to the owners at that time. After researching this at great length it appears that no notification in writing was made by USI as they had the address wrong in the database, listing the property as Stanley Road in Bellingham, not Stanley Road in Medway. Tom Holder had requested that we verify we received payment for balances that had been lienied. I was able to confirm through Joanne Russo, Town Treasurer, that we did indeed receive payment. **Due to lack of written notification Bob Wilson makes a motion to deduct all flat violation charges minus typical consumption costs that would have been charged. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0. Leo O'Rourke makes an amendment to the motion that says the first \$375 fine is considered a fine.**

3-1 Pine Ridge – Commissioners request breakdown for water and sewer costs for the leak for next meeting.

FY17 Budge Discussion

Rate hearing needs to be scheduled for June. June 20th @ 6PM. We will try to schedule for the School Committee Room. If this space is not available we will utilize Sanford Hall in Town Hall.

Director's Report

Tom Holder will be discussing Stormwater Management with the Selectmen at their June 20, 2016 meeting. Phosphorus needs to be reduced by 40% per the MS4 permit. Leo O'Rourke will plan to attend the BOS meeting after the rate hearing.

Town Meeting Articles passed.

There was a discussion regarding lead in school drinking water. Governor Baker has set aside 2 million dollars in funds for testing and remediation. We will apply for funds to test over the summer and fall.

A company called Rapid Flow is in town making repairs to infiltration in our sewer lines and manholes. This should lower our infiltration by 50-60,000 gallons a year.

Un-accounted water rates are now below 10%!

Member prerogative:

Bob Wilson asks what is happening with the DPS facility? Tom Holder says we are moving ahead. The project requires an OPM and Compass has been chosen as the OPM (Owner's Project Manager). Bob Wilson mentions that that the VFW on Holliston Street has 15 acres available and that the VFW would like to discuss selling this site to the Town. If not for a DPS Facility, maybe fields?

LO thinks we need to pursue 6 Industrial Park Road as the site for the DPS Facility.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2016 at 5PM – location to be determined.

Robert Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded. Unanimous vote, 3-0.