



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

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

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 05/16/16

April 11, 2016
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street

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

A motion was made by Robert Wilson to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:04 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 2-0.

The decision was made to delay the approval of the March 7, 2016 minutes until they could be reviewed. The minutes will be voted on for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Rate Discussion: Sarah Pawluczzonek & Carol Pratt

Thomas Holder explained the process as to how we arrive at the proposed rates. Rates are derived by: looking at budget and seeing what areas need additional revenue, looking at historic consumption (which is lower due to conservation); and looking at projected revenues. We can then begin to understand what our user costs will need to be. We have a 95% collection rate. We need to accommodate the 5% that we won't collect. We have 3 tiers, then assign a rate within each tier to get to the user charge. Leo O'Rourke would like a budget / breakdown. Bob Wilson asks what we anticipate the numbers would be based on last year's forecast? Sarah thinks that there was a predicted 15% sewer increase for 2017. An evaluation after the meeting showed that the predicted increase was actually 20%. Tom says we achieved significant savings as our sewer flow industrial strength levels were lower than anticipated which explains the lower increase necessary (20% forecasted last year versus the 9% currently forecasted for FY17). Bob asks how the Selectmen feel about these proposed numbers? Tom Holder stated that ultimately we need to pay for what we spend and we spend carefully and wisely. Leo asks questions about debt service. Carol Pratt will provide a breakdown for the next meeting.

Abatelements: Continuation from last meeting for both properties

6 Stanley Road – The Commissioners would like to know what she has paid out of the \$4,500.00 – Was there a lien? Judi will provide this information for the next meeting.

74 Main Street – Deferred until meter comes back either accurate or inaccurate. The Commissioners do not feel that Medway Café has provided evidence proving that the high bills were due to a leak into the ground. The Commissioners also question if the delay in making repairs was not negligent on Café's part.

Director's Report:

Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday May 9, 2016

Exelon and PILOT discussion continue. There is quite a bit of information on website regarding these discussions.

The Route 109 Project pre-construction meeting will be held sometime in early May. The project will reconstruct Route 109 from Holliston Street @ Main Street to the Milford/Highland/Franklin Street intersection.

DPS will pave both Highland Street and Winthrop Street within the next few weeks.

Bob Wilson asks if the town is aware of any lead in our pipes? None recorded. We test for lead every 3 years in 30 locations, including the schools. Tom mentions people are focused on FSOF, a chemical used on teflon that is then found in drinking water. There is no evidence of any FSOF in Medway at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2016 at 5PM – location to be determined.

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