



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

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

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 10/24/16

September 19, 2016

DPS Conference Room
45B Holliston Street
Medway MA 02053

Present: Bob Wilson, Leo O'Rourke, Chan Rogers, Tom Holder and Program Administrator Judi LaPan.

A motion was made by Leo O'Rourke to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:01 PM. Bob Wilson seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Bob Wilson makes a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2016 meeting. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Abatements:

Abatement Request – 42 Summer Street – The Commissioners voted to table this at the last meeting so they can see more of the consumption history and have more information before they make a decision, now that the leak is fixed. This information was provided tonight. **Bob Wilson made a motion to abate the sewer charges associated with the leak as the water did not enter the sewer system pending the dollar value breakdown.** The breakdown is as follows: As this is a business, the usage can fluctuate so using the average of like cycles does not apply here as a method of determining normal usage. Since there has been a history of leaks here there is no other good data to base usage on other than the recent bill produced on 8/16/16 shows a usage of 15,280 cf...

A well grounded option that meets the spirit of the Commissioners intentions is an abatement of $19,124 - 15,280 = 3,844$ cf = \$314.82 in sewer + \$371.72 in water = \$686.54 (FY16 rates, tier 3).

Bob Wilson makes a motion to approve the sewer abatement request but not the water as the water was used (\$314.82). Leo O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Director's Report

Tom's goal tonight is to have the Commissioners approve and sign the Indirect Costs for the Enterprise accounts for Water and Sewer. Page two of the handout speaks to the indirect costs. Provided the Commissioners approve the numbers the Finance Director Carol Pratt will have the costs approved by the Selectmen in October.

Chan Rogers makes a motion to approve the indirect costs for the Enterprise Accounts per the handouts. Leo O'Rourke seconds the motion. Unanimous

Directors Report Continued:

Tom Holder updated the Commissioners on Capital Funds and Indirect Costs. Tom provided an updated spreadsheet per Leo O'Rourke's request. Leo requests a column for the account charge codes be added to the spreadsheet.

Tom Holder informed the Commissioners that the Timbercrest 40B project has revised their numbers and are now planning on 166 single family homes rather than the initial 188.

Tom Holder discussed Stormwater Management with the Commissioners. Leo asks what the "standards" are? Tom Holder says to look at Appendix F, page 8 of 61 of the MS4 Permit. Tom notes that the standards were derived from formulas used to establish criteria particular to individual watersheds. Bob Wilson asks if the same formulas would be used to formulate a Stormwater Utility fee? Tom says yes, that is correct. Leo asks for an electronic version of the standards. Bob Wilson asks when the next Stormwater Committee meeting is? Tom states it is not yet scheduled but he will let the Commissioners know once it is scheduled.

Lastly Tom Holder informs the Commissioners that the water ban has been extended until further notice due to the continuing drought.

Member prerogative:

Judi Lapan updated the Commissioners on the High Efficiency Rebate Program. Bob Wilson requests that the program be publicized again so our residents know the program is still in effect. An article will be placed in the local paper and the program will be reintroduced on the town website via the Communications Director Mary Becotte.

Leo O'Rourke asks for an update on the DPS Facility. Tom informs the Commissioners that the Industrial Park Road property will likely not come to fruition. The owner is not willing to negotiate a price that is palatable to the Town. The existing Highway location on Broad Street is back on the table as the site where a new facility would be built. Leo O'Rourke asks if this will trigger the need to cap the dump. Tom states that by using the existing property it may trigger the need to do so. Bob Wilson asks when we will know if this is going to move forward. Tom explains that the Oversight Committee will be meeting and we are moving forward and are hopeful.

***Robert Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded.
Unanimous vote, 3-0.***
