



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Leo O'Rourke, Chairman
Francis E. (Ted) Kenney Jr.,
Member
Barry Zide, Member

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2018

APPROVED 06/18/18

Medway High School
Room 107-1
88 Summer Street
Medway MA 02053

In attendance: DPS Deputy Director Barry Smith, Commissioner Ted Kenney, Commissioner Leo O'Rourke, Commissioner Barry Zide, Water Superintendent Jim Lanctot and Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary Judi LaPan

Chairman O'Rourke called the Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

Commissioner Zide made a motion to approve the minutes subject to edits identified by Commissioner Kenney from the 05/07/18 meeting. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion. Unanimous

Abatement Request – None

Reorganization of the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

The Commissioners discussed a restructuring of the Board as is the norm after the town elections. The DPS Deputy Director Smith commented that appointing a Commissioner Vice-Chairman could assist in conducting meetings in the event of the Commission Chairman's absence.

Commissioner Zide noted that he would like the record to reflect, recognize and thank Commissioner O'Rourke for his time and service as the previous Chairman. Commissioner Kenney noted his enthusiastic support for Commissioner Zide's request.

Commissioner Kenney made a motion that effective at the adjournment of this meeting Commissioner Zide will become the Chairman. Commissioner O'Rourke seconds. Unanimous.

Commissioner Zide made a motion to appoint Commissioner O'Rourke as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Kenney seconds, Unanimous.

Amend Water & Sewer Fees

On March 19, 2018 the Commissioners voted on new Water & Sewer Fees. The Commissioners would now like to make an amendment to the Water Entrance Fee- 1" or less and the Water Entrance Fee- Greater than 1".

Commissioner O'Rourke made a motion the all entrance fees shall be assessed on a per unit basis. Commissioner Kenney seconded, Unanimous.

Water System Sustainability Options

The Commissioners and Town Administrator Boynton are charged with identifying funding options. The following is a list of options that have been or will be researched and discussed further:

1. Exelon – Commissioner O'Rourke questions how do we as a board secure funding from Exelon monies paid to the Town as part of the host agreement? Commissioner Zide states that the Commissioners should send a strong recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that the Commissioners would like a substantial contribution from Exelon to partially fund the necessary improvements.
2. Debt exclusion – mitigating water quality qualifies
3. Water & Sewer rate increases for residential and commercial users
4. Increase Water & Sewer rates for other communities that use our infrastructure
5. Betterment – Lack of equanimity? Residents without town water utilize water and sewer via schools, restaurants and retail establishments.
6. Assessments – Different rates for residential and commercial
7. Sell water to other municipalities (If capacity was able to be increased by DEP-doubtful)
8. Improve unaccounted for water numbers. This is the only way we would be able to increase the towns pumping capacity.
9. Connect to the MWRA water supply. Not a viable option due to the lack of proximity

Directors Report:

Deputy Director Smith informed the Commissioners that the Oakland Well Pump Station is being modified. Dankris Builders Corp. will start to build a new pad for the well tomorrow. The check valve at Populatic was changed and we have ordered a replacement check valve for

each of the wells. He also informed the Commissioners that we took possession of an excavator today. It is a rental unit for the next 30 days that will allow us to replace approximately 150 feet of an 8 inch water main on Slocumb Place. We will also utilize the excavator to install a new 6" water main at Choate Park. Deputy Director Smith also informs the Commissioners that we have schedule Carl Sopper from Water & Waste Pipe Testing, Inc. to perform leak detection. Lastly the DEP Mandated Water Ban began on May 1, 2018 and the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) is completed, on the website and postcards have been mailed to all consumers. Commissioner Zide asks if we can print "DEP Mandated Water Ban" on all public outreach.

Open Discussion:

Commissioner O'Rourke wanted to discuss Open Meeting Laws. He cautioned the other members that they should all be cognizant of the open meeting laws.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2018 at 6PM. The meeting will be held in the DPS Conference Room, 45B Holliston Street, Door 9, Medway MA.

A future meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2018 at 5PM.

Commissioner Zide made a motion to adjourn at 6:08 PM. Commissioner Kenney seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi LaPan