

Board of Water and Sewer Commissioner's Meeting January 4, 2023.

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

Present: Scott Zajkowski, William Conley, Robert Sullivan Thomas Fournier, and Jay Spahl

Absent: George Patrinos

In attendance: Jay Billings

Scott opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Accept the minutes of minutes of the December 7, 2022, meeting, Bob made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written, Tom seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, one abstention, Jay Spahl, 4 in favor passed.

Jay Billings Aquifer Protection Plan, New Well source and PFAS investigation: Jay Billings from Northeast Geo Science, who has done work previously for the Town of Dudley Water Department was here to present first a proposal for Desktop Evaluation of Potential Future Well Sites and Proposed Aquifer Protection District Mapping for Town of Dudley. There are three reasons why the Water Department is in need of a new well source, first all water sources are contaminated with PFAS and require treatment, second you are almost at peak usage some days, and third if you were in need of additional stations, you have nowhere. Jay Billings then went over the proposal and stated it would take about three months to complete the study. Bob asked what is the cost for initial test wells and testing? Jay Billings stated about the \$30,000-\$40,000-dollar range. Bob asked what would be done for pump tests? Jay Billings went into a discussion as to what the state would require now and compared to what was required in the past.

Bob made a motion to accept the proposed Desktop Evaluation of Potential Future Well Sites and Proposed Aquifer Protection District Mapping for Town of Dudley for the sum of \$18,600.00, Bill seconded the motion, discussion occurred as to how the aquifer areas can be found on GIS mapping systems. A vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Jay Billings then presented the second proposal for PFAS6 Concentration Monitoring at Wells #3, #6 and #7 Town of Dudley. Stated that Well #3 first detected PFAS and that seemed to be coming down the French River Valley. Well #6 detected with PFAS which seemed to be coming from the Pot Ash Brook way. We are trying to figure out where the PFAS is coming from. The board reviewed and stated that we should hold off on any decisions until George reviews this with Jay Billings. Bob agreed but would also like to run by the PFAS litigation attorneys and see if this is something they want to be involved in. A discussion occurred and consensus was to send this information to counsel for review.

Preliminary Map of Sawmill Rd proposed Subdivision: Received a preliminary map of a proposed subdivision on Sawmill Rd from the Planning Board. This subdivision would be looking for connection to sewer the developer would be putting in wells for water as there is no access to water in that area. A discussion occurred as to how the sewer would be connected, pumped, and processed. The board came to a consensus that they have concerns about the pumping capacities and elevations. A letter to be sent to the Planning Board regarding these concerns.

Credit Card: it was being worked on by the previous Assistant Town Accountant, but since that position is currently vacant, work on the credit card has been delayed.

Warrant Article #20 discussion/follow-up: The town will not be holding a Special Town Meeting for anything, but we can request to have a Special Town Meeting for the Lead and Copper Service Line Warrant Article.

Tom made a motion to request to have a Special Town Meeting for the Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory (Previous Warrant Article #20), Bob seconded the motion, a discussion occurred as to who would be financially responsible for cost of this Special Town Meeting, determined the board will be asking the town to pay for cost due to their responsibility in changing the wording of the warrant article. A vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Webster True Up: The next meeting with the Webster Board of Water Sewer Commissioners is scheduled for 1/26/23 in Webster. Will confirm with Webster to be sure the meeting is still on. Progress is being made on the true-up.

Permits on-line and fines for work done without permit: All Water and Sewer permits will begin to be placed on-line for easy access and filing. The Board had no objections to that and were in favor of streamlining the process. The board will work on a policy for fines for work being done without a permit and the consequences.

Job Descriptions: A new Sewer Laborer job description was presented to the board. It will be reviewed for next meeting and the board has asked for the expiration date of the Union Contract for the next meeting.

Budget/Revenue Review: The board had copies of the budget to review but were unable to review any revenues as there have not been any available from the Treasurer since September.

Indirect Costs: Scott spoke with the DOR and was informed that indirect costs should be agreed upon between the Enterprise and the Treasurer and that is why as of July 1st the money can be transferred. A discussion occurred about how the board is unhappy with the indirect costs and lack of explanation from the Treasurer. The board will work on figuring out indirect costs on their own with the formula given to them by the Treasurer. They would like proposed budget for FY2024 for next meeting.

Superintendent Report: The Superintendent Report was presented to the Board for review, the Superintendent was not at the meeting due to illness.

Chase Mill: Received a new proposal for the Chase Mill from the Planning Board to the Water Sewer Department. The board reviewed the plan and have many concerns with the new proposal. The board is asking the Planning Board to have funds placed into a 53G to cover an Engineering Review for the Water Distribution System, Wastewater System, and Aquifer Protection District and what affects it is going these changes will have on them. The board is asking to be placed on the 1/11/23 agenda to discuss this information with the Planning Board.

Change Order: Received a change order today from Tighe and Bond regarding VFD which needs board approval. The change order would have the VFD changed to the same type of VFD (Franklin Electric Style) which is currently in use at PS1.

Bob made a motion to approve the change order #2 VFD change, changing the VFD to a Franklin Electric Style VFD which is currently in use at PS 1 in the amount of \$7318.63, Tom seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Email from Derek at Tighe and Bond re: Dudley Well #7 Leak: The board received an email today regarding a leak at Well #7, the contractor, Barbato is disputing that is their responsibility stating that it is the manufacturer. Bob thinks that it is an issue with not being properly insulated. He would recommend reaching out to Barbato one more time to fix the problem, if not would report their response to the situation to DCAM.

Public/Board Comments: Scott has one statement to make stating that if you have questions about the water or PFAS please contact 508-949-8007 for information from us directly.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded, no discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

****Documents physically identified, discussed, considered, or voted on by the Board: ****

Posted agenda for January 4, 2023, meeting at 6:30pm Room 315

Minutes from December 7, 2022

Desktop Evaluation of Potential Future Well Sites and Proposed Aquifer Protection District

Mapping for Town of Dudley proposal

PFAS6 Concentration Monitoring at Wells #3, #6 and #7 proposal

Sewer Laborer Job Description

Budget and Revenue information

Superintendent Report

Change Order from Tighe and Bond

Email from Tighe and Bond regarding leak at Well #7

Respectfully Submitted,
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