

## **Board of Water and Sewer Commissioner's Meeting December 7, 2022.**

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

Present: Scott Zajkowski, William Conley, Robert Sullivan Thomas Fournier, Brian Dorval and George Patrinos

Absent: Jay Spahl

In attendance: Mark Meleski and John Vangos

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

***Accept the minutes of minutes of the November 2, 2022, meeting, Tom made a motion to approve the minutes, Bill seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

**Mark Meleski- 18 Kennedy Drive – disputing \$300 fine:** Brian stated that he was found to have an unpinned meter at the time of a meter changeout. Mark stated that a tech found the meter unpinned at the meter changeout on August 30, 2022. Brian stated that when the meter was found it was unpinned and there was dryer line and dust under the head. Mark stated he purchased the house in 1999 and nothing has been changed since he moved in, and he has had a water bill since 1999. Brian asked if the house has always been occupied and if ever vacant. Mark stated always occupied except for a vacation here and there. Brian presented the history for 18 Kennedy Drive over the past several years and there were charges for usage and then for almost 15 months there was no charges for usage and then it begins charging usage again. A discussion occurred as to how a meter can become unpinned and how there can be usage, then no usage and then usage again, the meter would have to be unpinned and the head removed and then the head put back on again.

Scott stated that the only plausible explanation for long terms of no usage and then usage and then usage is if the head is physically removed and then physically put back on.

***Bill made a motion that fine should stand, Bob seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

**John Vangos- 2 Chase Ave – complaint of water discoloration and paying for the water:** George stated that this house is at 2 Chase Ave which is on the Webster line and near the river. He explained the presented diagram stating that the water main runs down Cross Street to the Hydrant and then the connection to the service line is after the hydrant and runs across in front of Sinni's on their property over to 2 Chase Ave -approximately 250' of pipe. He is the end of the line after the hydrant. They have tried flushing the line, but it does not seem to help. John states that he has filters in the house which effects the pressure of his water in the 5 family. The filters need to be changed every 2-3 weeks. He is looking for a long-term solution to this problem. Brian stated he would like to get into Sinni's and see if they are having a similar problem. We have not heard any complaints from them regarding the water. A discussion occurred as to how they fix this problem. They will continue to work with John and come up with a solution. Brian will date log this address next week just to confirm no unusually high usage.

**Credit Card:** This item was tabled as no additional information was available at this time.

**Webster True Up** – Scott explained they had a meeting with the Webster Sewer Commissioner's and 3 members of this board. They talked about the history and the wish to simplify the process and make it more regular. It was a very productive meeting. The next meeting is January 26, 2023, in Webster. Paul Brinkman will have more information for that meeting. (Admin will post meeting for January 26<sup>th</sup> in Webster)

**Warrant Article #20 discussion/follow-up:** Scott met and discussed at length with the Town Administrator the next steps. Monday night the Selectmen are having a meeting to discuss the possibility of a Town Meeting in early winter. (Admin will post a meeting for December 12, 2022, Selectmen's Meeting for Article 20 discussion)

**Job Descriptions:** George is stated that the position is for a sewer laborer. A discussion occurred as to where money could be pulled from to hire this position. Will find out additional information and follow back up on this at the January meeting.

**Budget/Revenue Review:** No revenue report for October or November from the Treasurer. The budget was reviewed and discussed. The Board of Water Sewer Commissioners has issued a formal invitation to the Treasurer/Collector attend the meeting in January to discuss indirect costs, bills, and revenues. The admin will email the Treasurer/Collector directly with the invitation.

**Superintendent Report:** Para Engineering has been awarded the contract for the Culvert project and we have been providing them with a lot of information. Jay Billings has been held over to the January Meeting to discuss and present information on the Aquifer Protection Area, new well source and PFAS. Scott asked about the PRV electrical drop for Mason Rd, George stated the time frame they are trying for is next week. Scott asked the time frame on the new dump truck and George stated mid-summer. George stated we received only part of the MIIA grant, we asked for \$10,000 and received \$4500 for a trailer and safety equipment. George is going to reach out to MIIA and find out more information.

**Public/Board Comments:** Scott stated we received an email from Tighe and Bond yesterday with a schedule for the water main work. Also received final change order yesterday from Tighe and Bond for Barbato Well #7 for the temporary treatment. A discussion occurred regarding change order, the amount of change order is \$8171.41 total value of all changes, and they are looking for an approval to get completed. Bob stated in the contract for the Temporary PFAS there is a time frame that the contractor is responsible for, correct? They should be responsible for the work; they are on the hook for it. We should find out the liability and what they are required to maintain. Why should we pay for extras when it is their responsibility. Another discussion occurred; consensus of the board is to not sign the change order. George will reach out to Jeff Faulkner tomorrow to see what options are.

**Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded, no discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.**

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

Posted agenda for December 7, 2022, meeting at 6:30pm Room 315

Minutes from November 2, 2022

History and Account information for Mark Meleski

Diagram and information for 2 Chase Ave

Sewer Laborer Job Description

Budget and Revenue information

Superintendent Report

Change Order from Tighe and Bond

Email from Tighe and Bond regarding ongoing projects and GEC upcoming schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,

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