

Board of Water and Sewer Commissioner's Meeting May 3, 2023.

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

Present: Scott Zajkowski, Jay Spahl, Robert Sullivan, George Patrinos,

Absent: Thomas Fournier

In attendance: Jarod Mahota, Frank Lombardi, Rob Elliot, Jimmy George, and Bill Scanlon.

Scott opened the meeting at 6:34 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Accept the Minutes from the April 5, 2023, meeting: The board had not reviewed the minutes, this was tabled until next month's meeting.

84 Dudley Oxford Rd- Patrick Flynn permission to tie-in to Sewer: Frank Lombardi and Jarod Mahota were there representing Patrick Flynn. George stated that the sewer connection would be a straight shot to manhole at the rear of the property on Greenwood Ave. It would be a gravity feed system. Jay asked if there were any issues with private property and George stated there were none. Bob asked why it was going direct into the manhole and not into the main, George stated because it was a gravity fed system.

Jay made a motion to allow 84 Dudley Oxford Rd to tie-in to sewer and follow all the Bylaws and Regulations of the Sewer Department and file all permits and pay fees, Bill seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

71B Dudley Hill Rd- Rob Elliot- permission to tie into water and sewer: Rob Elliot was here requesting to have a new permit re-issued for 71B Dudley Hill Rd. A permit was originally issued 2/2/22 with an expiration date of 3/2/2023. No permits were filed during that 1-year period.

Jay made a motion to re-issue another permit for 71B Dudley Hill Rd to connect to water and sewer and follow all the rules and regulations and file all fees and permits, as the time expired on the original permit, Bill seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Jesse Road Subdivision – Jimmy Georges: Jimmy Georges was in front of the board again regarding Jesse Road Subdivision, a continuance from last month. George stated that it is the same plan as 2019 but it is only for 18 houses. Water will go down to Mason Rd and Sewer will go up to Alton Drive. A discussion occurred regarding the want of a peer review and the request from last month to have one done. The planning board stated it was already an approved subdivision and a peer review wasn't warranted through them. Bill Scanlon, the Town Planner, attended the meeting. Scott explained that since the original approval from water and sewer in 2018, which has expired, there are new issues that have come up that make us want to have a peer review. We understand that the plan has been approved through the Planning Board and was just given an extension. Bob then questioned Bill how a plan is approved through the Planning Board when he does not have valid permission to connect to water or sewer. Bill then explained that the Planning Board has extended this permit several times and this was just recently extended for 1 year, but it is your jurisdiction for water and sewer, but the

Planning Board does not intend to open a new review on this plan. Bill also states that he understands that the water sewer needs may have changed.

Bob then stated that the other way is we contact our Engineer and find out how much a peer review would cost and have the owner donate that amount towards an account specifically marked for the water sewer department. Scott then asked George to reach out to the Engineer Jeff Faulkner tomorrow and see what he has to say, and we will follow up with Jimmy Georges.

Warrant Articles for Town Meeting: Sewer Asset Management Article was turned in and an email was returned from the Town Administrator stating that this would need to go to Capital Improvement for approval. Bob stated this does not need to go to Capital Improvement as it is not a capital item and not funded through the town. It is funded through the water sewer department and is not an asset. George will follow up with the Town Administrator regarding this.

FY2024 Budget and Budget/Revenue Review: The Budget and revenues were reviewed with no additional discussion regarding them.

Indirect Costs, Bills and Town Treasurer/Collector: George stated that there is an FAA meeting tomorrow evening, and it has been asked for the water sewer commissioners to attend this meeting. Scott stated that the meeting has already been posted for Water and Sewer for the joint meeting with FAA and Selectman for Thursday 5/4/2023 and 5/9/2023. A discussion about indirects occurred and Bob doesn't feel it should be taken all at once at the beginning of the year and what exactly are we paying for?

Webster True Up: A joint meeting was held with Webster on 4/26/2023 and Water Sewer payments are now going about 10%.

Superintendent Report: The board reviewed the Superintendent Report. George discussed the PFAS levels and stated Station #2 Raw was 17.2 and Station # 6 Raw was 8.77, that is prior to treatment. Also, he is looking at a prefab building for the future to be placed at the Sewer Department for storage for Water and Sewer, both will split the cost of the building.

Public/Board Comments: A letter was received from a resident asking why we do not give a discount to seniors like the Town of Webster does. Bob stated that in order to give seniors a discount that town would have to raise rates by an additional 20% on others. Stated that they should contact the Worcester Community Action Council and look into any discounts there.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, Jay seconded the motion, no further discussion, taken, all in favor, passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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

Posted agenda for May 3, 2023, meeting at 6:30pm Room 315

Minutes from 4/5/2023

Plan for 84 Dudley Oxford Rd

Plan for 71B Dudley Hill Rd

Plan for Jesse Road Subdivision

Warrant Articles

FY 2024 Budget and revenues

Superintendent Report
Letter from Resident

Respectfully Submitted,
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