

## **Board of Water and Sewer Commissioner's Meeting June 7, 2023.**

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

Present: Scott Zajkowski, Jay Spahl, Robert Sullivan, Bill Conley, Tom Fournier and George Patrinos,

In attendance: Jimmy George, Steve Watroba, Zack Gless, and Paul Brinkman

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

**Accept the Minutes from the April 5, 2023, meeting: *Bill made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2023, meeting, Jay seconded the motion, no discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

**Accept, but not release the Minutes from the April 11, 2023, Executive Session meeting: *Jay made a motion to accept, but not release the minutes of the April 11, 2023, Executive Session meeting, Tom seconded, no discussion, a vote was taken, 4 in favor, one abstention.***

**Accept the Minutes from the May 3, 2023, meeting: *Jay made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 3, 2023, meeting, Bob seconded the motion, no discussion, a vote was taken, 4 in favor, 1 abstention.***

**Accept the Minutes from the joint meeting with Webster on April 26, 2023: *Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from the joint meeting with Webster on April 26, 2023, Jay seconded the motion, no 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 looking for permission to tie into water and sewer.

***Bill made a motion to allow Jimmy Georges to tie into water and sewer for 18 single family homes, Tom seconded the motion, a discussion occurred.***

Discussion:

Scott stated that there was no Peer Review done because this Subdivision was previously accepted through the Planning Board. Bob stated that he has concerns about allowing this subdivision to tie into Sewer with the recent issues with the Sewer System. The Planning Board has denied doing a Peer Review. Tom stated that we have a question out there to our Engineer if the system can handle it. Bob states that since the previous approval years ago through the Board of Water Sewer Commissioners, new regulations have come out and we can't sustain this. George stated that he did talk to Jeff Faulkner, and he stated that it was not a problem for this subdivision, but the process needs to be corrected for the future. Jay stated after we have spent millions of dollars on fixing the infiltration in the Sewer System and we still recently had an SSO event.

***The vote was then taken, 2 in favor, 3 opposed, motion denied.***

Scott stated to Mr. Georges that we would be reaching out to our Engineers to see about getting them to do a review on this and how to pay for it. Mr. Georges was upset with this outcome; he states that he has been coming to meetings for months now and this is holding him up. He doesn't understand if it was approved in the past why isn't it being approved now? The Planning Board approved it so why is Water Sewer holding it up. Bob explained that it was approved in the past, many years ago and the Planning Board approved the subdivision, but they do not approve connection to the Water Sewer System and since the last time it was approved there have been new issues discovered with the Sewer System.

**Sawmill Rd Subdivision- Steve Watroba- change to plan:** Steve Watroba and his Engineer Zack Gless presented an updated plan with one change on it. They are looking to move the manhole that was located in the middle of Sawmill Rd to the Town of Dudley's right of way in the center of the private road for the Subdivision. This is a gravity fed sewer connection for five single family homes that was approved back in March of 2023. A discussion occurred regarding the location and placement of manhole cover and how this would be an improvement to the system.

***Tom made a motion to allow the improvement to the plan of moving the manhole to the Town of Dudley right of way/easement in center of private road, Bob seconded the motion, a vote was taken, 4 in favor, 1 opposed, passed with majority.***

**DMA Holding Peer Review from Tighe and Bond:** The board received a copy of the peer review from Tighe and Bond with recommendations, it was reviewed and discussed.

***Bill made a motion to accept the recommendations from Tighe and Bond for Chase Ave DMA Holdings Peer Review, Jay seconded the motion, no discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

Email to be sent to Town Planner stating that the Board of Water Sewer Commissioners are following the recommendation of the Peer Review.

**Tighe and Bond Change Order – Winston Builders:** Reviewed proposed Change Order, for total amount of \$22,322.60. Items 1-3 on Change Order were previously approved, now looking to approve the temporary electrical service disconnect for \$18,472.00. A discussion occurred.

***Tom made a motion to approve the change order as presented by Tighe and Bond; Bob seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

**Tighe and Bond Change Order -Mason Rd:** The change order is to approve the \$18,298.74 more that it cost to complete the paving due to increase in costs. Also, the paving did not meet the required compaction testing of 92.5%, which means we can refer to Highway or ask for an extended warranty on the paving.

***Bob made a motion to accept the change order as presented, Tom seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

***Bob made a motion to request a 3-year extended warranty on asphalt due to the results of the compaction testing being less than required, Tom seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

**RE Erickson Radio Proposal:** Looking for permission to accept the proposal for \$42,302.00 for a new communication system and then Derek from Tighe and Bond will see what will be covered under SRF for new Treatment Plan and then Water Department responsible for the difference.

***Jay made a motion to accept the proposal from RE Erickson for Tanyard Rd Booster Pump Station Control panel and Radio Telemetry System Upgrade and Enhancements for \$42,302.00, Tom seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

**Road Opening Permit Fee:** This item was added by the Chairman as the information came to us on Tuesday 6/6/2023 and needed to be addressed. When GEG was applying for Road Opening Permit, there was a fee of \$26,216.00. It was mentioned at a meeting by the Highway Superintendent, Jeff Murray, that we would be charged for the permit. Jeff Faulkner has emails stating that all permit fees will be waived. The job was put out to bid with permit fees waived. If we are required to pay this will come out of the Water Sewer Budget, not SRF as was not in the contract. Scott stated that he has a meeting on Friday morning at 10am with the Town Administrator regarding this.

Discussion occurred to have another meeting next week on Wednesday 6/14/2023 @ 6:30pm to discuss the outcome of this. The permit is on hold until payment is made. The consensus of the board is that the work should proceed as required while this is being dealt with.

**Performance Evaluations:** Scott stated that after doing last year's review in an open meeting he was uncomfortable with that. He spoke with the Town Administrator, and he stated it did not have to be done in an open meeting. All appraisals will be sent to the Chairman, Scott and he will tally up and they will discuss at next meeting on 6/14/2023.

**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:** Nothing new to discuss. Will set up a meeting with the Board of Selectman, after voting on 6/12/2023.

**Superintendent Report:** The board reviewed the Superintendent Report. George brought item #3, the new Water employee has started and is doing well. Also, item #12, replaced hydrant, gate valve on Charlton Rd loop, problems with the Hymax#2 leaking.

**Public/Board Comments:** Scott stated that a great job was done by the entire crew dealing with the problems on Charlton Rd.

**Adjourn into Executive Session:** ***Bob made a motion to convene into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 specifically reason three; to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares, and the board will reconvene into public session, Tom seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken, Tom Fournier, aye, Jay Spahl, aye, William Conley, aye, Bob Sullivan, aye, and Scott Zajkowski, aye.***

Convened into Executive Session at 7:49pm.

Reconvened into public session at 8:22pm.

***Webster True-up: Tom made a motion to accept the Webster True-up Proposal dated 5/15/2023 with our concerns noted, Bob seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

A letter will be sent to Webster with all the information noted.

Scott then took a moment to mention that this would Bill Conley's last meeting with us as he is not seeking re-election. Scott thanked him for his service and said that it has been a pleasure to work with him. Bill stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the board.

***Bill made a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded the motion, no further discussion, taken, all in favor, passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.***

**\*\*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

Minutes from Executive Session 4/11/2023

Minutes from 5/3/2023

Minutes from Joint Meeting with Webster 4/26/2023

Plan for Jesse Road Subdivision

Plan for Sawmill Road Subdivision

DMA Holdings Peer Review from Tighe and Bond

Change Orders from Tighe and Bond

RE Erickson Communication Proposal

FY 2024 Budget and revenues

Superintendent Report

Letter from Webster Board of Water Sewer Commissioners

Information on Road Opening Permit

Respectfully Submitted,  
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