

## **Board of Water and Sewer Commissioner's Meeting August 2, 2023**

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

Present: Scott Zajkowski, Robert Sullivan, Tom Fournier, Jay Spahl, Justin Dolan, and George Patrinos,

In attendance: Harvey Allard and Jimmy George

Scott opened the meeting at 6:40 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Re-Organization:**

***Tom made a motion to appoint Scott as Chairman, Justin seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

***Tom made a motion to appoint Bob as Vice-Chairman, Jay seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

***Tom made a motion to appoint Justin as the Clerk, Bob seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.***

### **Accept the minutes from June 14, 2023:**

***Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from June 14<sup>th</sup>, Jay seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, 4 in favor, 1 abstention, Justin as he was not on the board at the time.***

### **Accept the minutes from July 5, 2023:**

***Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Justin seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, 3 in favor, 2 abstentions, Tom and Jay were absent from the meeting.***

**1 Upper Perryville Rd – Harvey Allard – water complaint:** Harvey Allard has been having water issues for the past year. He must clean his shower once a week using 80% hydrochloric acid and it is staining their body and clothes with rust. George stated that area is very prone to dirty water. There has been an elimination of the flushing programs with the increased number of ongoing projects. Harvey Allard stated this got much worse when last year when the water department fixed the water main break across the street from his house. George stated that they are increasing the flushing in this area. Mr. Allard brought in 2 different bottles of water and stated that Mass DEP state that he should be provided potable water from the municipal water department, and this is not. Bob stated that there is a build up in the pipe and when they flush it stirs it all up. George stated that he will try flushing every other week and asked Mr. Allard to keep in touch with the office and let us know how is going. Will schedule an appointment for Friday morning (8/4/23) for a technician to go out and check meter and water.

**Jesse Rd Subdivision – Jimmy Georges (if results back from Tighe and Bond):** Scott stated that we have received a copy of the report from Tighe and Bond with the completed study on Jesse Rd. Based on DEP guidelines, this equates to an average daily flow of approximately 8,000 gallons, with a peak flow of approximately 24,000 gpd. Although these flows are small in comparison to the overall capacity of the

Potash Brook Interceptor, the existing wet-weather capacity issues should be addressed prior to allowing any additional flows. Article 7.06 – Prohibitions, of 314 CMR 7.00, prohibits connections through sewer extensions which would increase a surcharge condition, which the Jesse Road connection would create. For these reasons, we recommend that interceptor improvements be completed to create the necessary hydraulic capacity needed to minimize SSO's and allow for future sewer extensions. Due to state regulations, we are prohibited from allowing any other sewer connections to the system. We may be discussing a sewer moratorium in the future. We cannot issue any sewer connections at this time per the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bob asked if the flow data was from 2018 prior to the I & I and George stated yes it was. A discussion occurred. Bob stated that he would rather hold off on a moratorium vote till all is reviewed and properly done and not rush through this. Tom then stated that we need to think about where the money will come from and how to fund this. Another discussion occurred about what the next steps will be and await rest of report from Tighe and Bond. Will follow up again at next meeting.

**13 Bates Rd – Sewer Connection:** Tom missed last meeting and just wanted to recap the connection to sewer for 13 Bates Rd. He was not aware of any agreement that was arranged to waive the sewer connection fees and would like to establish a policy going forward.

**DMA Holdings- Planning Board meeting recap:** Scott went to the Planning Board meeting that was held for the discussion of DMA Holdings and what they would be doing at 37 Chase Ave. They were looking for approval from the Planning Board to use the metal building attached for the processing of edibles and that was approved by the Planning Board. After the meeting Scott had a discussion with the Attorney for DMA Holdings and he stated that will be no use of the big mill or anything without improvements to system. They are open to meeting with the Water Sewer board and discussing. As part of the host agreement, they pay 3 ½% for the purpose of mitigating any adverse effect on the Town of Dudley. A discussion occurred regarding changing the use and issues with Fire Protection.

**Webster True-up Response:** The board received a letter from the Webster Board of Water and Sewer Commission accepting the proposal. The Webster Board has asked to set up a meeting to go over information. The consensus of the board is to have a meeting with Webster after Labor Day. Will email Webster with the dates of 9/14 or 9/21 for a potential joint meeting.

**Water Main Project Updates:** Received an update from Tighe and Board stating all updates and received a Change Order for Pump Station #1 for Dankris.

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

**Budget/Revenue Review:** Current budget and revenue presented for review, no concerns at this time.

**Superintendent Report:** George presented the report, reviewed, no questions at this time.

**Public/Board Comments:** none at this time.

***Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.***

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

Posted agenda for August 2 2023, meeting at 6:30pm Room 315

Minutes from 6/14/2023

Minutes from 7/5/2023

Letter from Webster Board of Water Sewer Commission

Email from Tighe and Bond

Change Order from Tighe and Bond

Budget and Revenues

Superintendent Report

Email regarding water complaints on Perry Lane

Respectfully Submitted,

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