

Board of Water and Sewer Commissioner's Meeting June 9, 2021

Present: Scott Zajkowski, William Conley, Tom Fournier, Robert Sullivan, George Patrinos, and Jennifer Cournoyer

Attended Meeting: Bob Ruda, Jim Haynes, Gabriel Berthiaume, Piotr Ucher, Jeff Faulkner, and Tom Revane.

Scott opened the meeting at 6:42 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Accept the minutes of May 5, 2021: Tom made a motion to accept the minutes of May 5, 2021, Bob seconded the motion, no discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

24 Budd Drive – Permission to connect to Sewer: Gabriel Berthiaume from Slims/Berthiaume and Piotr Ucher homeowner present at meeting. Gabe Berthiaume stated that house was built in 2008 with a septic and a well and now the septic has a failed Title V. They noticed there is a manhole and are looking for permission to tie into the sewer line. George stated that Mike has been out there and reviewed and yes, it is possible for them to connect to sewer. A grinder pump will be used to force up to the corner from the original septic tank. Bob asked why you are still using the existing septic tank instead of an E1 pump. Gabe stated the tank is new and in good condition and he will go with a liberty pump. A discussion occurred regarding tanks and pumps.

Tom made a motion to allow connection to town sewer at 24 Budd Drive, Bob seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Legacy Landing 61 Airport Road: Robert Ruda and Jim Haynes were present, Robert Ruda has a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Jim Haynes for the purchase of his over 55 developments with 18 s/f house. Permission to tie into Water and Sewer was granted to Robert Ruda, Jim Haynes is now looking for permission to tie into Water and Sewer. George stated that the plan is the same but wants to be sure there is terminology is the sales of these homes that the Sewer Department is not responsible for the injector pumps. Jim Haynes stated that there will be an HOA agreement and a maintenance program to along with the home. Town Sewer will not and should not be the first contact. He also stated that it will still be 22 units at 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, still a 55+ community.

Tom made a motion to grant water and sewer connection at 61 Airport Rd for Legacy Landing, Jim Haynes, Bob seconded the motion, no discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Jeff Faulkner- Tighe and Bond: Update on Projects

- a. Mason Road and Mason Road Extension projects are under construction. About 3000 ft of pipes were installed in the last two weeks on Mason Road Extension. Contracts for Pump Station #1 and tank rehab, a discussion occurred about these two projects.
- b. I & I contract in process of being signed, next preconstruction meeting will be Thursday 6/17/2021.
- c. Temporary PFAS Treatment Well #7: The design has been permitting approved. Now the town will move forward with procuring the vessel. Will need a vote from the board to move forward with bid for temporary vessel. Received three bids, then one pulled bid back because could not complete in time frame. Lowest bid was from Tigg. A discussion

occurred as to if they should pre-order the second vessel as well. This plan will be going to the Conservation Commission on June 23, 2021.

Bob made a motion to accept the bid from Tigg for two (2) treatment vessels upon approval of the second vessel through the SRF and DEP, Bill seconded the motion, no further discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

- d. PFAS Pilot Study is in draft form, plan to submit to DEP on Friday this week. Bob asked if there were any concerns that Jeff saw? Jeff stated no, the GAC is better with contaminants and being paid for by a Mass DEP grant. Next step is the final design, breaking ground in about one year from now and buildup about 2 years, should be online by December 2023. There is an easement that the town will need to move forward with. Jeff suggests having a site visit and surveyor and Town Counsel by October 15th deadline. Bob asked if this would require a town meeting vote? No one really knew, will try to find out an answer.
- e. Risk and Resilience: Three meetings were held and should have report in the next two weeks and will need to certify it by June 30th, have signed by George and submit back.
- f. Asset Management Report: approved to move forward at Town Meeting. Information will be coming in August or September. Town should be getting American Rescue Funds. George stated that Jon is aware, and they have had a discussion. George thinks that Bob, Jon, and George should meet to discuss this.

Public Comments (taken out of order): Tom Revane was here on behalf of the Lyons Rd Subdivision (Truman Ave). He purchased this project from David Haynes in July of 2020. David had approval from the Board of Water Sewer Commissioners which was valid until March of 2020. No permit applications have been filed or paid for. Tom Revane states that the Planning Board approved new plans for this project and has approved everything forward. A discussion occurred as to what transpired because the Board of Water Sewer Commissioners did not approve a new plan that shows the location of the hydrant 800 feet down the road. The original plan that was approved had hydrant at the top of the road near Lyons Rd. George stated that the damage is done, but could we try to loop the water in?

Tom Revane: We bought an approved subdivision signed off by the town. We are not going to do things the wrong way. I do not think there is a way to use the water main.

Bob: With the new plan there really is no use to a hydrant down the road with less of a flow.

A discussion occurred about the hydrant and the plans and who would have inspected the water line. The board wants to reach out to the Planning Board and if see if Graves Engineering would give letter of stamped plans stating they inspected the water line as an inspection was never done by the Water Department and the road has been paved over. The plan still has 18 s/f homes.

Because this was during Public Comments, no vote on anything can be taken, the board determined they would have another meeting on 6/15/2021 @ 7pm.

PFAS Litigation: The board has since received two additional proposals for review. Consensus of the board is to send the two new offs to Town Counsel to review with the previous one and see which will benefit the Water Department best.

Policy Review: This discussion will be tabled until 6/15/2021 meeting.

Moratorium and Water Ban: Scott found documentation in Town By-Laws regarding this information. He would like the board members to review and will revisit on next meeting on 6/15/2021.

Webster Wastewater True-up Summary: The board received the proposal from Brinkman Infrastructure Consulting and a proposed letter to the Webster Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Bob made a motion to accept the Proposal from Brinkman Infrastructure Consulting, Tom seconded the motion, no discussion, a vote was taken, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: George submitted a written report for the board's review prior to the meeting. Bob asked about Union negotiations and a discussion occurred as to where precisely we are at, and we are waiting to hear back from union. It was also asked about Tri-Valley's water meter, an independent test was done by Toomey and found that the meter was fine.

Tom made a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded the motion, a vote was taken, all in favor, unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Cournoyer, Administrative Assistant