

Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Open Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017

Members in Attendance: Mike Stanton, Chairman; Richard Pacella, Vice Chairman; and Robert Garber, Secretary

Others in Attendance: Chris Gallagher, Town Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanton.

13 Church Street, Foxboro

The Owner of 13 Church Street, Ethan Schaff, appeared before the Board regarding the denial of his abatement request. After some discussion and explanations, the Board once again offered to waive the connection fee for his second apartment (that was not connected to the sewer). Mr. Schaff accepted the Board's offer and will look into a contractor to do the hook-up.

Rosemary Smith of 85 Mechanic Street appeared. She is with the Agricultural Commission and spoke about water conservation. The Board explained the efforts that were already in place to conserve water and that the Board would continue to do everything they could to educate and encourage water conservation.

Water Restrictions

The Water Department issued a Water Restriction Notice effective May 1, 2017, with watering allowed only between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Odd-numbered may water on Mondays and Thursdays; even-numbered homes may water on Tuesdays and Fridays. No non-essential watering will be allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Upon motion of Richard Pacella and seconded by Robert Garber, it was recommended to accept these watering restrictions. After some discussion, all were in favor.

Private Contract Sewer Rates

Our attorney has advised that the Board has the right to set rates. He is working on a letter so that we can give a public notice to eliminate private contracts, so that it can take effect July 1, 2017.

MFN Land Use Restrictions

There is nothing to report on this item.

Outdoor Advertising

The Bids have been extended for two weeks.

Other Items

There was a tax title taking on 186 Main Street. The Town requested an abatement of the water bill in the amount of \$153. Richard Pacella made a motion to allow the abatement, Robert Garber seconded it. All were opposed.

There was a discussion about security for the new pump station. The Board requested that the cost for additional security be determined.

The Board reorganized. Richard Pacella nominated Mike Stanton as Chairman. Robert Garber seconded it. 2 approved and 1 against.

Meeting minutes for January 10, 2017 and April 4, 2017 were presented. Richard Pacella made a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2017 and it was seconded by Mike Stanton. All were in favor. Richard Pacella made a motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2017 and it was seconded by Robert Garber (Mike Stanton abstained, as he was not present for the April 4, 2017 meeting). All were in favor.

Upon motion duly made by Richard Pacella and seconded by Robert Garber, it was voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne L. Zinni

These minutes of May 2, 2017 were approved on June 6, 2017



Robert T. Garber, Clerk