

**Minutes
Of
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners
August 12, 2013**

Members in Attendance: Vice Chairman R. Pacella, Clerk B. Garber, Water Superintendent R. Worthley, Board of Selectmen G. Copolla and L. Brue, Planning Board G. Greene, Finance Officer R. Scollins

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

The Board met with Selectmen Lorraine Brue. She recently toured the water facilities in town with Mr. Hill and was impressed by them. She is here tonight to talk about the former fire station near the Common as she is on the Asset Review Committee and this is one of the potential properties to be auctioned off to raise funds for the town. She has spoken with the Town Planner on potential uses for the site. Using a restaurant as an example she noted that it could accommodate 100 people; a restaurant use requires 20 GPD per person of capacity so that property alone may use up to 6,000 GPD. The Master Plan is looking for a mixed use zoning for that area so it may even end up being zoned for residential/business. If residential is allowed, it could hold four two-bedroom apartments which would use 7,500 GPD. This shows that this property could use half of the capacity that the Planning Board thought should be in the downtown area. Any proposed uses would need to go through the design review process with the Planning Board.

Mr. Greene stated that as part of the Master Plan process, the Planning Board is working on a downtown strategy. They hope to work with the Board to get numbers on capacity for downtown.

It was also noted that the Housing Authority may have excess flow available.

The hearing for the sign on the water tank is August 15th in front of the ZBA.

Mr. Worthley noted that a gate valve broke in the area of Neponset Heights Avenue which resulted in dirty water for the neighborhood.

The IMA is working on the final legal review. Mr. Greene asked when the town would get control of the flow. The Board stated that the goal is to get everything signed by July 2014. It would then need to get authorization from the state.

Two gentlemen from Cannon Forge were in attendance and stated that they are ready to negotiate whenever the town is ready.

The Board met with Mr. Scollins in regards to funding for the new DPW building. The projected cost is \$600,000. The cost estimated by the architect working on new Town Hall plans to keep the department in the new/renovated Town Hall was projected to be \$850,000. This needs to be looked at as a savings to the town.

Mr. Scollins stated that funding would need to be a combination of Water, Sewer, Highway, Enterprise and General funds. It would work out that water and sewer would pay 2/3 and highway would pay 1/3. The Capital Review Committee liked the idea of sharing the costs. Mr. Scollins thinks the debt service will be similar to Mill Street, with the payments made over 5 years. The general fund debt would be similar, paid back 60, 50, 40, 30, 20 over five years. The initial funding would be from retained earnings and paid back by the general fund.

Mr. Worthley stated that the town attorney has sent a letter in regards to the Elster to Badger meter process. A draft agreement has also been prepared by counsel. Both Elster and Badger are in agreement with the draft; the contract will be the same except for the change of meter provider. The attorney has recommended the signing of the agreement.

A motion to sign the agreement assigning the water meter contract from Elster to Badger meters was approved 2-0.

There is a request for a second meter at 91 Central Street. This is a multi family house and they want another meter for a garden. The Board asked for a written request to be sent in.

The minutes were reviewed.

Mr. Worthley stated that an area pool tested positive for bacteria so the water in the area was tested, but the test came back negative.

Bruce Douglas who runs the treatment center at Patriots Place is requesting to add a dye to the reuse water to turn it blue as it has a yellowish tint to it now. Mr. Worthley noted that this had been done in other areas and the only thing that may need to be done is an adjustment to the chlorine level. He also notes that it may be safer in the long run as it would be known if the reuse water ever infiltrated the system.

The construction on Chestnut Street is progressing. They are moving from an old pipe to a new pipe. Mr. Worthley would like to wait until the Oak Street plant is online before beginning the fall flushing program.

Mark Lamson of 5A Morse Street sent in a letter to the Board and is in attendance this evening. He wrote the letter in response to an incident on July 30th that turned his water brown. He feels there needs to be better communication with the town when something happens to notify the residents. Mr. Worthley stated that it is not always known when something will happen to the system. Town residents will be notified if something is known in advance, like when the Oak Street plant comes online but it is an ongoing process to improve water quality and the Board has been addressing the problem.

A motion to approve payment to AECOM for Oak Street professional services in the amount of \$31,000 was approved 2-0.

A motion to approve payment to AECOM for wetland monitoring in the amount of \$400 was

approved 2-0.

A motion to approve payment to AECOM for resident services in the amount of \$6751.36 was approved 2-0.

A motion to approve payment to AECOM for Oak Street resident services in the amount of \$16,087.68 was approved 2-0.

It was noted that the website needs to be updated as Bill Earle is still listed on there.

The next meeting was set for August 19th to discuss possible warrant articles.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of August 12, 2013 were approved as amended on September 9, 2013.


Robert Garber, Clerk