



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 10.31.23

Meeting held at Town Hall, 3 North Main, Assonet, MA

9:30AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker, Chairman; Paul Sadeck, recording meeting;
Mark Rosofsky
Staff present: Steven Chandler, recording meeting
Staff absent: David Thibodeau
Guest: Mike Goodman, Paintball

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RA Mitchell bill

- Bob Parker, Commission Chair, states the bill is not to be paid.

Paint Ball Company

- Discussion of what is needed to tie into the water line on Pinewood Court.
- Mike Goodman spoke with Pinewood resident and is amenable to discussing the installation of a waterline on their property in a designated easment to be determined at a later date.
 - Mike has to submit an [engineered] plan of the project for a 900' water main.
- Chandler suggested speaking with Freetown Planning Board and Conservation Commission.
- Commissioners are amenable to allowing a tap into the Pinewood Court main.

FW&SC Regulations

- Regulations for procedures have not changed over the years. No changes to installation requirements since 2010.
- Discussion of whether or not the Commission require shut offs to hydrants be installed retroactively if they were not installed at the time of a road being built out. No determination at this time.

Status of:

- **MasterMeter Meter Interrogation**
 - MasterMeter headquarters was not able to interrogate meter register because the battery is dead and the history is not stored.
 - The body of the meter was not shipped with register so it will be sent out to verify accuracy in water flow. This is separate from electronic register and the register has nothing to do with the accuracy of water flowing through the meter. Peter Mahar with MasterMeter will locate meter body and send it to be tested for accuracy.

- Bob Parker has been in continuous contact with the customer.
 - Unfortunately there have been events and actions beyond the control of the FW&SC.
 - Once Chandler hears from Peter Mahar he will contact the Commissioners, and Bob Parker will reach out to the customer with the results.
- **Chipaway Pump Station Roof Repair**
 - Carl Bizzarro, Building Dept Head, said the repair should be finished on 11.1.23.
- **Assonet Sewer Line Extension**
 - David Thibodeau continues to mark out water lines as needed and test borings have continued to take place.
- **Innovation Way**
 - Deb Pettey said that MassDOT is repaving Innovation Way and will not repave area where leak is located; road is sagging. This is a State road and Freetown has no rights to repair in a state road layout.
- **5 Janice Marie Way Water Line Install**
 - Water install has been completed to regulations per David Thibodeau.
 - There are no plans in the office for the original water line installed at Janice Marie Way back in 2014.
 - Paul Sadeck makes a motion to have Chandler draft a letter to John Mello from Commissioners requesting a copy of plans for the water line located at Janice Marie Way. Mark Rosofsky 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **WhiteWater Contract/Agreement**
 - There has not been an updated agreement since 2007. Chandler forwarded an email to the Commissioners for review on 10.11.23. This email is from Jared Whitney of WhiteWater with information about the services they currently provide to Freetown. They will look at the information and get back to Chandler. Once agreed upon, Jared will set up a time to come down and present to Commissioners.
 - Bob Parker reached out to two companies that do similar things as WhiteWater and they both recommend WhiteWater as our operator.
 - Discussion of what the technician does each day for Freetown.
- **Bleeder Pits**
 - David Thibodeau is not here today to talk about this.
 - Discussion of having WhiteWater sample water to determine the chlorine level.
 - Mark Rosofsky makes a motion to have the WhiteWater technician go out with David Thibodeau to sample water from all bleeder pits and send to lab to test for chlorine and contaminants. Test needs to be performed prior to November 10th. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Training on Neptune 360 and Vadar**
 - Chandler went to a Vadar group session event and learned more about Vadar billing and a refresher on some of the basics.

- Vadar presented the new Vadar 3.0 format which is to be released in 2025. This format is intuitive, better organized, streamlined, and user friendly. The also presented a new pay online system.
 - Everything went will with Neptune360 and Vadar to get reads uploaded and billing procesed. Chandler would like to do practice read processing between billings.
- **Hydrant Repair**
 - Hydrants are part of town infrastructure, not just water department infrastructure. They serve the entire town of Freetown. An article will have to be drafted for the next town meeting to include hydrant repairs/replacements.
 - The hydrant in front of Fire Station 2 needs to be repaired due to firemen not operating it properly. Chandler to draft a letter to Chief Ashley notifying him of this.
- **Equipment**
 - Purchasing a mini excavator was approved at a previous meeting.
 - Bob Parker wants the FW&SC to purchase a machine that will suck dirt and rocks out of curb stops and gate valves. Paul Sadeck and Mark Rosofsky not in agreement with Bob.
- **Meter Replacement Project**
 - Meter have been installed and Town Adminsitration sent out an updated agreement to Steve Vacarro, Baystate Winsupply, for approval.
 - Old meters need to be removed from Highway Department container because he needs the space. Bob Parker will speak to Chuck Macomber and will look into a company to purchase the meters.
 - Surplus of new meters sent back with the exception of 2 each to keep for new services.

Executive Session

- Postpone until future meeting.

Sign Bills

- Bob Parker and Paul Sadeck signed bills.

Approve Minutes

- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to approve the minutes for September 28, 2023. Mark Rosofsky 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Rosofsky makes a motion to adjourn at 11:24AM. Paul Sadeck 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler
Senior Clerk, Freetown Water & Sewer Commission