



# WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

3 North Main Street . P.O. Box 438 . Assonet, MA 02702  
508.644.4000 . Fax: 508.644.2053

## Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 5/22/2018

Meeting held at Council On Aging, 227 Chace Road, E. Freetown, MA

6:30PM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker  
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck; Brad Paiva  
Staff present: Keven Desmarais  
Meeting being recorded by Paul Sadeck and Bob Parker for Chandler

RECEIVED  
FREETOWN TOWN CLERK  
2018 AUG -9 AM 8:59

### **FW&SC Enterprise Fund ~ Amendment #1**

- Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for Enterprise Fund to allow Town of Freetown to pay any and all fees associated with work done by Environmental Partners Group as it relates to the proposed Chace Road water line extension. This proposed project is that of the Police Station Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen and not the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission.
- Paul Sadeck makes motion to approve and sign. Brad Paiva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

### ***Member of the Community walked in at 6:35***

### **Articles for STM and ATM**

- Articles have been reviewed and approved.
- Brad Paiva makes motion to accept Articles submitted. Paul Sadeck 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Land at Ashland/ISP**

- Bob Parker met Kevin Shea of Ashland/ISP this morning. Spoke with David DeManche, Town Administrator, who asked Bob to check on having a 21-E Environmental Study executed for land that Ashland/ISP is giving to the Town of Freetown. Bob spoke with a representative at Penney Engineering, Inc. of Mansfield, MA who requested details and land description of the Ashland site. Once received they will supply a cost estimate to complete a 21-E.

### **Wastewater Meter at Stop & Shop**

- Wastewater meter originally owned and operated by Stop & Shop has been turned over to the Town of Freetown per the most recent Inter-municipal Agreement.
- Bob Parker spoke with John Friar, City of Fall River, who is checking to see if he has the name of a company that can rebuild meter [which is currently not operating].
- Bob Parker put a call into Lorenzo Wood, Stop & Shop, to see if he has any relevant information regarding meter.

- Keven Desmarais has set up a meeting with a representative from WhiteWater, Inc. waste management department to come look at the meter for an assessment Thursday, May 23, 2018 9AM. Keven set up a police detail and should take about 2-3 hours. The assessment will determine whether the meter can be repaired or needs to be replaced. WhiteWater reps have confined space entry certification.
- Bob Parker will attend that meeting.
- Keven to have Chandler send email notice of meeting.

### Water Line Extension

- Bob Parker states that this project is that of the Board of Selectmen.
- Paul Sadeck invites members of the Community who are attending this to discuss the project.
- Questions asked:
  - *If the water line is built will the FW&SC oversee it?*
    - Yes
  - *Does the [Commission] have an opinion as to whether or not the project will move forward?*
    - We are impartial as a Commission but can vote as citizens.
  - *In the chance it gets installed, does the FW&SC have an idea of how much it will cost annually to maintain? And how it's going to affect this Commission's budget?*
    - We are a self-sustaining department and any surplus funds are rolled into retained earnings which is used to maintain the department's future needs.
    - Keven Desmarais estimates that the cost to maintain will be \$5,000 annually.
  - *Can the rate be increased by the City of New Bedford?*
    - Yes, but we have a contract and rates may only be increased a certain amount per year.
  - *Keven Desmarais is asked if he has ever interacted with the School Department if they have had to shut down their water supply because it was non-consumable.*
    - Keven states he does not work with them on anything. He has never heard of a shut down. We are only responsible for water customers.
  - *Would the installation of a water line be jeopardized by road surfacing?*
    - Keven Desmarais states that while he's not an engineer, there are specific standards by which water lines have to be installed. There will be sand and gravel surrounding the pipe as well as a bio-wrap on the pipe.
  - *Hypothetical...if there is a 12" diameter pipe at 2.3 miles long, how much volume does it hold and, based on volume how much has to be consumed daily/weekly to keep water moving?*
    - Brad Paiva states that the school and police station will keep water moving.
  - *Who pays for water that is flush/bled to keep water moving?*
    - The FW&SC is given a certain amount of metered water for flushing. As in Fall River, 220,000GPD is given for flushing.
  - *Is the FW&SC involved with private wells?*
    - Keven Desmarais states that private residential wells are under the purview of the Freetown Board of Health. Building Commission oversees all municipal wells. Facilities manager at the elementary school oversees their wells.

- *A resident heard from quite a few people that a water line will go down Gurney and Bullock Roads in the future.*
  - People are only speculating and there are no plans to extend water lines on these roads.
- 
- Paul Sadeck states that if this water line passes it is like any other water line. Water is purchased from New Bedford and sold to East Freetown residents, businesses and municipal customers.
- More questions are asked about the Freetown Elementary School wells and water. FES is not under the purview of the FW&SC.
- Paul Sadeck explains how the proposed water line came about originally last year. After a call from Lisa Pacheco requesting an estimate the FW&SC enlisted the help of Environment Partners Group to create and estimate of cost with details.

### **Cities of New Bedford and Fall River**

- Bob Parker has not heard back from City of New Bedford regarding contract.
- Nothing to report on City of Fall River.

### **Regular Business**

- Approve and Sign Abatements
  - Abatement for customers who's meter was not reading properly.
  - Paul Sadeck makes a motion to approve abatements. Brad Paiva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Abatement for water charges to the Freetown Fire Department.
  - Brad Paiva makes a motion to approve abatement. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Approve minutes:
  - April 19, 2018
  - Brad Paiva makes a motion to approve. Paul Sadeck 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Sign bills

### **Unanticipated Item**

- Keven Desmarais presents Planning Committee Form L.
- Paul Sadeck makes motion that the FW&SC has no opinion on the proposed development. Brad Paiva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

No motion made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler  
Senior Clerk  
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission