



# WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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## Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 10/27/2016

7:00 PM	Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present:	Bob Parker; Brad Paiva; Paul Sadeck
Staff present:	Keven Desmarais; Steven Chandler
Guest:	Excel Recycling ~ Jon Costa; Marty Costa; Steve Gioiosa

### Excel Recycling Facility

- Steve Gioiosa, engineer for Excel facility, presents updated plans.
  - Discussion of tapping into water main on Ridge Hill with an 8" line which will include the installation of (4) hydrants and a 8" service line to allow connections for future industry. See plans provided by SYTEC dated 10.14.16.
  - Line to 15 Ridge Hill Road, property of Nicholas Fusaro, will include: line valve, hydrant, gate valve.
  - Line at Excel Recycling site will include 1" service line to office building; inside meter; additional hydrants for extra fire suppression should it be needed in the future; line will end with a gate valve and plug. A 2" service line will be installed to equipment process area and will include back flow in meter pit. Meter pit has 30" diameter access, ladder, and heavy duty cover. Water for the processing area will run into storm water drain off. A baffle system is added for sediment control.
  - Buildings on site are below threshold for fire code. Installed line will allow the addition of a fire suppression system to be installed if needed.
- Design and proposed installation will be done per town and state regulations.
- There is an opportunity to add in a sewer line in the future. Keven Desmarais will look into whether this would be a gravity or forced line. Property owners of Excel Recycling site will grant easement as needed.
- All engineering plans look good to Keven Desmarais. He will pull together the paperwork needed to finalize project.
- Representative would like project started this fall. The yard needs to be paved and concrete companies will soon close for the season.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to approve plans contingent on Fire Chief Gary Silva's approval and sign off. Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Steve Gioiosa has provided the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission with two sets of engineered plans as requested.

### Filter Site at South Main Street

- Keven Desmarais is waiting for paperwork from Ryan Trahan with Environmental Partners Group.
- Have not heard from DEP.
- City of Fall River (CFR) has been pulling water (letting is run) which knocks down level of Trihalomethanes. Test results have all been well below allowed level of 80 parts per billion.

- Now that colder weather has arrived Keven will remove filters within the next couple of week.
- CFR suggested that Freetown use the valve at Innovation Way (IW). They say there is a lot of water available through that line and is part of a loop. Keven says that when he spoke with John Friar some time ago John recommended that Freetown absolutely not use the valve at IW. Further research will be done to determine which direction to take.
- Keven will have water tested at Innovation Way and Amazon in a month or so.

#### **Fall River contract**

- Commissioners met with the City of Fall River on October 17, 2016. The officials from the CFR have accepted and adopted all suggestions presented by the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission and have added the following into the agreement:
  - CFR has granted permission to bleed off 220,000 gallons before charging the FW&SC. No charge for flushing. Meters need to be installed on bleeders and when readings are taken by the FW&SC they are to be given to CFR and this amount will be deducted from bill. Bleeders may be purchased from the CFR if requested.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion that the FW&SC approve the 20 year water and sewer agreement with CFR and can sign off on final draft. Brad Paiva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

#### **Computer update and training**

- Training took place October 26 & 27. A representative, Tyson Withrow, from Master Meter came into the office and presented to Keven Desmarais, Steven Chandler, Paul Sadeck, and Bob Parker how the new meter reading system works. Tyson showed Chandler how to connect Vadar info with Master Meter tablet system. Tyson and Keven went out into the field to put the new tablet into use and train Keven.
- The new system and software allows the FW&SC to process and track meter readings with much greater ease; offers better customer service allowing information to be concise and shared if needed; identifies issues with meter heads and water lines inside a dwelling.
- The FW&SC receives a year of technical support as part of the upgraded system cost.

#### **Approve minutes**

- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to accept and approve the minutes from October 13, 2016 FW&SC meeting and October 17, 2016 meeting with the CFR with correction. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

#### **Abatement**

- Commissioners have approved an abatement for account #1201R for overcharges due to operator error in read when bringing account online and active.

#### **No invoices to be signed.**

#### **Notice of Bankruptcy**

- In following up on last meeting, Town Counsel has requested that a copy of the bankruptcy notification be forwarded to him so that he may take the necessary action.
- Chandler to continue process to send account to lien as planned.

**Meeting adjourned**

- Brad makes motion to adjourn. Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7PM at Council On Aging located at 227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line that tapers off to the right.

Steven Chandler  
Senior Clerk, Freetown Water & Sewer Commission