



# WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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## Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 1/23/2018

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

9:00AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker  
Members present: Brad Paiva; Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck  
Staff present: David DeManche, Town Administrator; Keven Desmarais  
Meeting being recorded by Paul Sadeck

Attendees: Board of Selectmen; State Reps Carol Fiola and Paul Schmidt;  
Senator Office Rep Kelly Andrade; Ken Fiola, City of Fall River

### Sewer Line Extension in Assonet

- Representative Carol Fiola:
  - Meeting jointly two times a year to discuss economic development and any concerns.
  - Gives updates on various projects and issues.
  - A request was submitted to the State for funds to expand the sewer line to the Village center in Assonet. Funds would be in the form of a Bond bill and the request is currently sitting in the Senate and Senator is in support of request.
  - Representatives will look at their budget in the coming month and to see what really important things to the districts and have them put in as earmarks in June 2018. Will put in for \$50,000 for feasibility study at the request of the BOS.
- Keven Desmarais states that the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission (FWSC) hasn't a cost estimate currently. They have reached out to Environmental Partners Group (EPG) for a sewer needs analysis and cost estimate.
- Lisa Pacheco asks if the proposed funding requesting would allow funds to be used towards a feasibility study. Carol Fiola feels that because it is written for construction and anything associated with that but she will check to be sure.
- David DeManche talks about the possibility of a MassWorks grant. A requirement for this would states that the Town would need to be green. Lisa Pacheco states that green requirements were voted down by residents in the past.

### **Innovation Way Leak**

- Bob Parker:
  - Explains the issue and that the Town of Freetown has not been included in the construction of this line nor was it conveyed to the Town. Town was not involved.
  - The leak has been there since construction by the State.
- Lisa Pacheco feels that this is a State issue and not the responsibility of Freetown. MassDEP is forcing Freetown to use the line but the leak needs to be addressed.
- Ken Fiola explains that the Innovation Way project was done as a State contract, not a city (Fall River) or a town (Freetown) contract. He feels it will not be a big dollar issue to fix it.
- Carol Fiola states that she and Paul Schmidt will do some exploring with MassDOT to solve the leak issue and will contact David DeManche.
- Copy Representatives on any communication with MassDEP and MassDOT.
- David DeManche states that MassDOT says they do not own the line.

Paul Sadeck makes motion to adjourn. Brad Paiva 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler  
Senior Clerk  
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission