



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 2.15.22

Meeting held at Town Hall, Assonet, MA

9:03AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck
Staff present: Steven Chandler; David Thibodeau
Guests: James Rezendes; Deb Pettey; Debra Robbins; Stuart Clark

Meeting being audio recorded by Paul Sadeck and Steven Chandler

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Installation of Permanent Bleeders

- Commissioners discussed the installation of permanent bleeders with Jim Rezendes; potential locations, infrastructure, and how long the process would take.

125 South Main Street . Assonet Commons

- Discussion of Assonet Commons to be located at 125 South Main Street. Consists of two buildings consisting of two 32-unit apartment buildings.
- Stuart Clark presents the infrastructure details for wastewater.
 - There is an existing 8" ductile iron line which runs from this site to near Stop & Shop pump station is located. It is not being used so it will be slip lined with a 3" pipe and 2" pipe where needed for 45-degree bends. A couple of connections will be installed.
 - There will be 75 gallon per minute in the pump station.
 - A meter will be installed to determine the amount of flow.
 - The pulling pit has been moved down to the first manhole.
- Paul Sadeck asks when the work will begin, and Debbie Robbins said she is checking with the modular company to see what their timeframe is for delivery of the pre-constructed buildings.
- Jim Rezendes recommends having the work done before Eversource repaves the road after their current project is completed.
- Bob Parker asks about the water line extension. Jim Rezendes states the Economic Development Commission would like to bring extend the current sewer line, but it will be 5-10 years before that can happen. Should the 8" sewer line be needed in the future, the insert can come out and Assonet Commons would tap into the main directly.
- Debbie Robbins asks about the permit process. Chandler will find out the information and let her know. Deb mentioned Stop & Shop and Jim said it was the Selectmen who issued a permit to install and operate the sewer line.

- The project will need an 8" line; a road opening permit, from Selectmen, because water line is on opposite side of street; two meters, one for each building with an account for each.
- Timeframe for completion will most likely be the fall 2022.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

- Chandler states he received an email from Garth Patterson, Deputy Director, Citizens for Citizens detailing the Low Income Household Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and asking if the FW&SC would like to participate.
- The program would allow Freetown homeowners who are water customers and are behind on their bills to receive financial assistance. To qualify, the homeowner would already be signed up for the existing Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- Contract from Department of Housing and Community Development would need to be signed in order for the FW&SC to receive reimbursement funds and obtain access to the client portal.
- Chandler will forward the email from Garth Patterson to the Commissioners for them to review.
- Paul Sadeck makes a motion to have the FW&SC participate in the LIHWAP to help eligible water customers who are behind in their bills. Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Replacement of Meters

- Bob Parker states we have to wait to discuss until we get the ARPA funding.
- Chandler sent an email to Chris Stebbins of Ferguson WaterWorks to order more ¾" meters which we are out of currently.

Budget

- Paul Sadeck provided a draft of the FY2023 budget.
- Chandler will look at current expenditures to determine if funds will need to be transferred from retain earnings at the end of FY2022.

Approve and Sign Abatements

- Paul Sadeck made a motion to approve (3) abatements. Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried. Abatements signed.

Approve Meeting Minutes

- Paul Sadeck made a motion to approve minutes from August 25, 2021 and October 13, 2021 and submit them to Town Clerk's office. Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Paul Sadeck made a motion to approve minutes as typed from November 23, 2021 and December 6, 2022 executive session meetings, but they are not to be released until a later date. Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sign Bills

Bob Parker and Paul Sadeck signed the Schedule of Bills

Paul Sadeck motion to adjourn at 11:12AM. Bob Parker 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steven Chandler', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven Chandler

Senior Clerk

Freetown Water & Sewer Commission