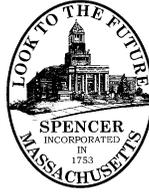


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Minutes of Meeting held August 12, 2015

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Road, Spencer, MA.

Members present: Francis "Frank" X. White
Lawrence "Larry" H. Dufault
Michael "Mike" Mercadante

Sewer staff present: Mark Robidoux, Supt.
James Laplante, Jr., Assist Chief Operator
Debra Graves, Sr. Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

1. Read and accepted minutes for July 8, 2015.
2. Signed monthly commitment for Septage Fees.
3. Superintendent Mark Robidoux Reports:
 - Monthly Operations Report
 - Monthly Monitoring Report
 - * Phosphorus exceedance for monthly average concentration.
(Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)
4. Review Monthly Operation Report and Monthly Monitoring Report:
 - Sewer lateral connection on 152 Main St. found illegal sump pump and possible roof leader in bldg. Mark will call to schedule a dye test of roof.
 - Illegal sump pump connection 43 Mechanic St. Mike made a motion to send an illegal sump pump connection letter to owner, second by Frank, and in favor, Larry.
5. Budget & Capital Items
 - 2017 sewer user fee will be reduced to \$877,600 to reflect current commitments. This is a revenue reduction of \$62,720.
6. Sewer System upgrades
 - All most completed

7. EPA Copper Administrative Order

- Wright-Pierce will set up a sampling schedule.

8. MassDOT- Rt.9 Sewer

- Sewer lateral betterment only if owners agree.
- Would like to send letters out and set up a public hearing at Town Hall in the future.

9. Mechanic Street Sewer Replacement

- Lamoureux Building sewer connection has an uncapped pipe in the basement with 2 feet of water in it. The pipe is about 1 foot above the water level. This is an illegal connection. Sewer Commissioners would like a letter sent to owner.
- Sewer relining from SMH E9-E8. Pioneer Valley will be using grant money to pay for sewer relining of 160 ft. of 18" sewer pipe for about \$46,000. Original project was to reline 20 feet of 18" sewer pipe for \$15,000. Would like Sewer Commissioners to contribute about \$16,000 to do the full 160 ft. of pipe. Sewer Commissioners agree to contribute \$16,000 to the project, if needed.

10. AmeriGas Propane – Meadow Rd. Pump Station

- Sewer Commission agrees not to go with AmeriGas Propane. They will send us a bill of sale for the propane tank.

11. WWTP Phone System

- Discussed the Sewer Plant getting an updated phone system. Mark will check out prices.

12. Sewer Department Safety

- Sewer Dept. would like the insurance company to do a safety inspection, so hopefully they can get a grant from insurance company to pay for some equipment.

13. Sewer Commissioners reviewed response to Brookfield ConCom Chairman's letter.

14. Sunset / Holmes Subdivision

- Jim Laney bought a lot and wants to put a house on the property. All Sewer Bank fees were paid by previous owner. Mark was unsure of connection fee.

15. Dukes Root Control Sewer Pipe Treatment

- Applies chemical to sewer line. Retreat lines (3794 ft.) will cost around \$6,418.19 and is guaranteed for 3 more years. Sewer Commissioners agree to retreat the lines.

16. Resident concerns

- 83 Ash St. – Sewer pool adjustment. Mike made a motion to abate \$65.00, second by Larry, and in favor, Frank.
- 9 Watson St. – Disputing a \$30.00 late fee. Sewer Commissioners agree not to abate the late fee.
- 61 Paxton Rd. – Asking to waive the \$60 late fee. Realtor told them that they had septic tank. Mike made a motion to abate the \$60.00 late fee, second by Larry, and in favor Frank.

Public Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm, motion by Mike, seconded by Larry, and in favor, Frank.