

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2015

Carby Street Municipal Office Building, Champagne Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 am

Present:

Commissioners: Jim Connors, Chair, Frank MacPherson, and Tony Antonellis

Staff: Todd Korchin, Jeff Bina and Rich Barry

Daniel Bailey (Rackemann, Sawyer and Brewster)

Tighe and Bond: Adam Yanulis and Ian Catlow

Dedham Savings Bank: Mike Terry

Minutes recorded by Tish Healey

Approval of Minutes: Jim Connors motioned to approve outstanding meeting minutes, seconded by Frank MacPherson and approved unanimously.

Opening Comments

- The Sewer Commission praised Todd Korchin, Brendan Ryan and the DPW staff for the wonderful job clearing the streets from the winter storms.

I/I investigation and Project Development- *Proposal*

- Jeff Bina met with the Town of Westwood Finance Director, Pam Dukeman. We are in good shape with retained earnings. Jeff Bina will be assessing the funds available from the MWRA for the next Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) reduction investigation and project. Westwood currently has approximately \$666,000 available to apply for from the MWRA for engineering and construction of I/I reduction projects.
- Per Pam Dukeman, the bond issue from the last I/I will potentially affect the next sewer rate adjustment.
- We are not at a point in the project development stage to put forward an article for I/I project for the spring town meeting.
- The projects will be developed and funds applied from the MWRA. We anticipate a capital article request for the fall town meeting.
- Frank MacPherson asked if we need to utilize our funds until we get the \$600.0K from the MWRA. Jeff Bina stated that as we develop projects, we will have a better idea of the hard cost. Currently, we are utilizing funds for a scoping study. Once we closeout the current I/I project, any remaining funds can be utilized for further I/I projects.

Pump Station Facility Evaluations and Upgrades- *Update*

- Immediate upgrades are estimated to cost \$450.0K. Current upgrades are mainly safety and operational issues. Jeff Bina spoke with Pam Dukeman, pump station upgrades can be funded from the current retained earnings without affecting ability to cover costs associated with unanticipated repairs to the sewer system.
- Jim Connors requested a meeting with Jeff Bina and Pam Dukeman to discuss the funding for the upgrades.
- Representatives from Tighe and Bond stated that our current capital plan is proactive. We are addressing maintenance and safety needs that are immediate concerns, and will improve the longevity of our pump stations.

Second Meter Billing- Procedure

- Representative from Dedham’s Savings Bank presented the Bank’s sewer bill. Typically their sewer bill is approximately \$30-\$50 per month, with the most current bill being \$857. There are two meters on the property, one for an irrigation system. The second meter was not permitted or properly inspected, sealed and tagged. Per our second meter rules, until the meter is sealed by our Staff, no credit will be given for the water used by an irrigation system. Dedham Savings Bank applied for a permit and will need the meter sealed and tagged. The Sewer Commission will review the request by Dedham Savings Bank.

50 Carby Street Feasibility Study- Update

- No updates at this time. The Board will table discussion for a future Commission Meeting.

Other Business that may come up properly before the Board

- The Board noted Rich Barry’s excessive hours worked during the most recent storms. Mr. Barry is a salary employee who receives a stipend for overtime work, instead of overtime (time and ½) wages. But, Rich is needed during storms and for other projects (night work) during the year that impact the stipend granted. Commissioner Connors thanked Rich Barry for his excellent service. Todd Korchin has a motion before the Personnel Board for review.
- Benchmark Properties met with Mike Jaillet (Town Administrator), Nora Loughnane (Town Planner), Todd Korchin and Jeff Bina. Benchmark is reviewing traffic concerns on Clapboardtree Street. Discussions are ongoing with the Planning Board.

Schedule next meeting

- Next meeting scheduled for April 17th, 2015 at 8:15 am.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:05 am by Jim Connors, seconded by Tony Antonellis, motion approved.

Approved:

Date



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Sewer Commission, Clerk