

**Minutes
Of
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners
October 5, 2010**

Members in Attendance: Chairman Phillip Henderson, Vice Chairman Michael Stanton, Clerk Bill Euerle, Superintendent L. Potter.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to approve payment to Mansfield for the first quarter of 2011 \$195,241.95 minus a credit from FY 2010 of \$109,754.95 for a total of \$85,487 was approved 3-0.

A motion to amend #3 of the Hydrologic and Wetlands Monitoring contract with AECOM in the amount of \$80,000 was approved 3-0.

The Board needs to sign the lease agreement extension for Comcast that was signed by BOS; this was already voted and approved at a previous meeting. The RFP has been advertised and closes on October 8th, so far there have been no inquiries or interest.

There has been an inquiry for a sewer permit at 114 South High Street, one of the last houses in Sears Estates. They have been paying betterments and would now like to connect to sewer. It is a 4 bedroom house. There hasn't been an application filed yet.

The group home house at 49 Borrows Road that wanted additional capacity and found it wasn't available has gone off of sewer and built a septic system.

L. Potter recently reviewed the preliminary floor plans for Oak Street it is basically the same set up as the Witch Pond facility. The Board discussed the road length and paving.

P. Henderson has no update on the sewer negotiations with the Patriots. He has been in contact with the Patriots and emphasizing the sense of urgency.

L. Potter stated that the Wall Street sewer easement maps have been drawn and sent to the attorney. More work was needed there yesterday fixing one of the pipes; there are many different pipe types and sizes which makes it difficult to work there. This job will be contracted out and should be about \$35,000 plus engineering costs of about \$6,000, there is \$60,000 available in the mitigation fund. The funds are expiring soon; a plan is needed to use the rest of the funds.

The Board discussed the job description for the new Superintendent; there was a question of the need for the PE requirement. None of the applications received so far fit all the qualifications of PE and all the required licenses. L. Potter suggests re-advertising and extending the deadline for a month to see if more applicants come forward. An interview and selection group is needed. Town counsel has stated that it is appropriate for L. Potter

to participate in the selection of the new Superintendent as it is part of his job description to review applications.

W. Euerle will not be at the meeting on Oct 26th.

The Finance Director will be coming to the meeting on the 12th to discuss the betterment accounts.

P. Henderson stated that he has been told by Rep Barrows that the Home Rule petition is on the Senate calendar, this is the last step needed before the Governor can sign it. L. Potter and P. Henderson attended the Norton Board of Selectmen meeting recently, this was a meeting between them and the Mansfield Board of Selectmen to formalize the agreement for the land purchase. A formal vote was taken and passed.

There was a regional meeting last Thursday. Foxboro Town Counsel is now also representing Mansfield also, they have submitted a letter to see if any members have an issue or conflict with this. Mansfield stated they knew this when they were awarded the contract. Atty. DeRensis has stated that if there is a conflict, they will represent Foxboro. M. Stanton has no issues; W. Euerle would rather have individual attorneys. The draft agreement was reviewed by the towns; there are issues with actual flow versus title 5. Norton is looking for consideration for being the host community; there were no discussions of values. They are also looking for payment in lieu of taxes as 40 acres were taken off their tax rolls. They will provide the current tax amount for discussion. Mansfield had possible concerns with transitional issues relating to ownership.

The Board discussed giving the agreement to Town Counsel and having them see if there are any issues for Foxboro. It was decided to wait until the edits have been completed. Norton has submitted 4 pages of questions.

The Board would like Town Counsel to come to the next meeting to explain how they will represent the two towns in negotiations.

The BWSC voted at to confirm the policy of ending the Water Restrictions as of September 30, 2010; this was approved 3-0.

The Board reviewed the water and sewer budgets for the first quarter. This will be the last billing with the double rate increase; November's bills will reflect current rate increase. The Sewer revenue is up 29% over last year, the flow is up 10% and the fees less the betterment payment are up 78%. Water revenue is up 59.7% over last year, the flows are up 25.4% and the fees, taking out signage revenue, are up 13.8%.

L. Potter suggests that any extra funds from Witch Pond and system improvements be transferred at Town Meeting to cover costs for Oak Street water treatment facility.

L. Potter has prepared a letter from the Board to Paul Ahern in regards to the quarterly samples of cadmium and the monitoring well on Ridge Road and the proposed plan to dredge it. The NRCC never submitted a letter as they said they would.

P. Henderson inquired if there have been any requests for the proposed Big Y in Foxfield plaza. They have requested that the water lines be marked out. M. Stanton stated that he has been contacted by consulting engineer about an I/I program if they want sewer.

Revised plans have been received for the 40B on Mechanic Street, Nadia Estates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

These minutes of October 5, 2010 were approved as amended on December 7, 2010.


William Euerle, Clerk