

**Minutes  
Of  
The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners  
October 27, 2009**

Members in Attendance: Chairman P. Henderson, Vice Chairman R. Olsen, Clerk M. Stanton, Superintendent L. Potter, Jon Brucks, Bob Bell (AECOM)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by P. Henderson. The Chair turned the floor over to M. Stanton so that he could provide an overview to the "Conceptual Sewer System Rate Structure" document which the BWSC sub-committee consisting of himself, J. Brucks and B. Bell (AECOM) had compiled. The discussion centered on the approach to addressing issues that have been raised in the past two sewer proposals regarding betterment assessments, capital costs, operation\maintenance costs, etc...By breaking down the proposed sewer program into three basic components (Treatment, conveyance and collection) and introducing a concept of "pay for what you own, instead of what you use"; you can bill the user thru three indexes (Treatment, conveyance and collection) and asses a connection fee. This new model allows for sewer connection deferrals in order to avoid an undue hardship on residential users. P. Henderson stated that he saw five (5) major issues that needed to be addressed in any town sewer program expansion. They are: 1) Establish a working Sewer District. 2) Purchase additional sewer flow (300,000 GPD) and couple that with freeing up unused sewer flow (200,000 GPD) thru IMA renegotiations. 3) Fund\Build a conveyance system. 4) Fund\Build a collection system and 5) Establish financing\Funding. He feels strongly that this sub-committee has made major progress in addressing those issues\concerns.

J. Brucks presented a draft document to the Board outlining a new rate system for the sewer enterprise account. The prorated system makes more equitable the current sewer users fees and future sewer user fees.

The Board would like to bring the Selectmen's liaisons into the discussion, they like the directions the subcommittee is going. The subcommittee would like to finalize the report before bringing in the Selectmen.

M. Stanton will call Larry and Linda to set up a meeting with them. Available dates were given as October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> or November 9<sup>th</sup>.

At 7:15 p.m. the Board met with W. P. Realty to discuss the septic system at the Foxboro Plaza (former Bradlees site). Dan Fuchs came before the Board to request 25,000 GPD for the Plaza. They have met with the Board of Health and have a letter from them requesting that the plaza be added to the Critical Needs Area so they can get more flow when the town has available capacity. Mr. Fuchs explained that this is a 125,000 sq foot plaza that is 70% vacant; there has been interest from several tenants in the past few months, but they are currently only allowed 10,000 GPD, these prospective tenants need more than that. The recently built Dunkin Donuts have sparked an interest in the plaza. It's not retail that's interested, but restaurants and a fitness center.

The Board members explained that there is no capacity available at this time; the limit was reached in 1999. They are sympathetic to their situation and would like to see more development at the plaza, but there is nothing available at this time. The Board then explained the proposed expansion plan that will be going forward at Town Meeting soon. Mr. Fuchs understood the situation.

The minutes of August 25, 2009 were approved 3-0.

The minutes of September 29<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.

Mr. Monahan of the Comfort Inn sent in a request, that he would like the land adjacent to the Inn included in the needs district.

The Board discussed the need to begin discussions with the Patriots to determine the value of the 300,000 gallons and the conveyance system; they would like an answer by the end of November if possible. Negotiations also need to be set up; Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board representation would also be needed. The Board needs to go to Spring Town Meeting about purchasing 300,000 GPD in the regional plant and establishing a basic conveyance system as they have committed to the regional authority that they will purchase 300,000 GPD.

Meeting dates were set up for November 10<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The minutes of October 20<sup>th</sup> need to be signed to authorize the rate increase. P. Henderson will come to the office tomorrow to sign them.

P. Henderson updated the Board on the last IMA meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Mansfield is getting a new Town Administrator and Finance Director. They are waiting to commit. Mansfield has contracted with a liquid sludge company in Woonsocket, RI which will cut costs over the way they do it now; they also have two vacancies that will not be filled. They will be meeting again on November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>.

L. Potter informed the Board that a temporary supply of water meters is needed until next month when the three year bids come out. The lowest bid was \$24,870 from Ocean State Meters for 124 meters and 81 retrofit kits. The Board approved this contract 3-0.

The training is ongoing at Witch Pond. L. Potter is still waiting for DEP to answer if unlicensed personnel can run the plant on weekends. If they do not authorize it then the Board would need to approve the Superintendent to be able to be compensated for weekend work.

L. Potter will send the results of the chlorine testing to Mrs. Lorusso.

The bids for three well cleanings are due next month as well as the RFP for the cell tower on Mechanics Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray

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These minutes of October 27, 2009 were approved as amended on December 15, 2009.



Michael Stanton, Clerk