

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
July 20, 2017 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on July 20, 2017 in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Chairman Joseph Balliro, Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA, IT WAS VOTED TO APPOINT JOSEPH BALLIRO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS.

33 MARION STREET - ABATEMENT REQUEST

Rica Trujillo, owner of 33 Marion Street was present to discuss her request for an abatement of water usage reflected on her May 1, 2017 water bill in the amount of \$1,016.32. Ms. Trujillo explained to the Commission that she was renting the house and her tenant did not run sufficient heat and water pipes froze and broke causing a large amount of water to pass through the meter. The Wilmington Police notified the Water Department of the leak, the water was shut off, and she was notified. The pipes were repaired and the water was turned back on. Chairman Balliro explained that the Commission did not have any grounds to grant an abatement, however they could allow Ms. Trujillo time to pay off the charges free of penalty or late fees. Ms. Trujillo stated that she could afford to pay the bill in full. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO DENY ANY ABATMENT AMOUNT AS REQUESTED BY RICA TRUJILLO FOR 33 MARION STREET.

Approval of Minutes

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2017 MEETING.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections

There were none.

18R Boutwell Street - Water Service Easement

The owner of 18R Boutwell Street (M18, P4A) has requested from the Commission that they approve a 1" water service via a utility easement through the property located at 16R Boutwell Street (M18, P3D.) There are wetlands preventing the service to be brought into the house perpendicular to the water main, as required in the Water Department Rules & Regulations. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE A WATER EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, PROVIDED A COPY OF THE REGISTERED EASEMENT FROM THE LOWELL REGISTRY OF DEEDS IS SUBMITTED TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Report

The May and June 2017 monthly reports were submitted to and reviewed by Commission members.

Annual Water Main Flushing Program

The annual water main flushing program is complete. A total of approximately 8.3 million gallons of water was used during this endeavor. There were very few customer complaints about pressure and or discolored water.

Project Updates

- **Middlesex Avenue Water Main Project** - This project is at 99% completion. Service connections have been tied over onto the new main. There are some minor paving issues to be addressed. Mr. Lobao stated that the contractor, Cedrone Corporation out of Billerica MA completed the job above all expectations. There were no complaints and no change orders for this project.
- **Route 125 – Ballardvale Street Water Main Project** - The pre-construction meeting with the DPW Director, Utility & Business Manager, Town Engineer, Town Inspectors, Green International and Cardillo & Son took place on Tuesday July 18th. There was discussion of possibly using the North Intermediate School as a staging area for the project. The project is scheduled to begin in August and is going to take several months to complete. Any residents or business owners will be notified in advance whenever possible of any road closures or water service interruptions.
- **2" Water Main Replacement Projects** - Whitefield Terrace is complete. 300' of 2" iron pipe was replaced with 8" ductile iron pipe and 1 fire hydrant was added. The next project will be Melrose Avenue with the replacement of 600' feet of 2" iron pipe with 8" ductile iron pipe main and 1 fire hydrant will be installed. This project will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

Other Business

None

Public Comment Period

None

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission will be held August 17, 2017 in Room 9 at Town Hall unless otherwise posted.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary