

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
November 16, 2017 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on November 16, 2017 in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM. Present were Chairman Joseph Balliro, Commissioner George Allan, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

Approval of Minutes – Tabled

205R Aldrich Road – Michael Newhouse

Michael Newhouse attended the meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission on November 16, 2017 to discuss his request for permission to connect the house located at 205R Aldrich Road via a 1" service to be connected to a water main in the right of way on Medford Avenue. There is a 5 year paving moratorium on Aldrich Road which could prevent permission being granted to tap the existing water main in Aldrich Road. Medford Road cannot be further developed due to wetlands. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED BY MR. NEWHOUSE AS LONG AS IT IS TAPPED BEFORE THE FIRE HYDRANT AND ANY REQUIRED EASEMENTS ARE RECORDED AND SUBMITTED TO THE WATER & SEWER DIVISION.

409 Salem Street – Abatement Request

Angelo Ciano, owner of 409 Salem Street, was present to discuss his abatement request for water usage assessed on his November 1, 2017 water bill. Mr. Ciano stated that he hooked up a well for his irrigation needs this past summer and that this summer use bill is higher than last years. He did not feel he should be responsible for all the charges assessed. Mr. Lobao explained when Water Department personnel went out to investigate for potential leaks, it was determined that the well had a cross connection with the municipal water supply and it is possible that the irrigation system was drawing from the Towns water supply in lieu of the well. The cross connection has since been disconnected. Mr. Ciano did not believe this to be the case as he stated that the valve to the Towns supply was shut off. Mr. Lobao stated that according to the Rules and Regulations, the owner is responsible for the cost of all water that passes through the meter. Chairman Balliro explained that the Commission had certain criteria to follow in order to grant abatements. Mr. Ciano also state that he had a toilet that was leaking. It was highly recommended that he repair the leaking toilet. Chairman Balliro stated that the water usage should be monitored for another quarter to see if the usage decreases. Mr. Ciano agreed to make a \$300.00 in good faith. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT A GOOD FAITH PAYMENT WHILE USAGE IS MONITORED FOR AN ADDITIONAL QUARTER AND ANY AND ALL LATE FEES AND PENALTIES WOULD BE WAIVED.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections

Patalano & St Aubin	10 Carolyn Road	Residential	No Show billed 2X	\$25.00
Jennifer Cipoli	74 Aldrich Road	Residential	Abate Penalty PM	3.00

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO IT WAS VOTED TO RATIFY THE BILLING ADJUSTMENTS AND CORRECTIONS AS APPROVED

BY JOSEPH LOBAO, DPW UTILITY & BUSINESS MANAGER AND/OR PAMELA MACKENZIE, TREASURER/COLLECTOR.

Monthly Report

The October 2017 monthly report was submitted to and reviewed by Commission members.

5 Year Capital Improvement Plan – Tabled

Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank (WST) Replacement - Presentation

The Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank is a 125 foot high, 0.66 MG, riveted steel standpipe which was built around 1928 and is in need of replacement. Mr. Michael Cunningham of Kleinfelder was in attendance to present various design options for a new WST. The discussion included dismantling of the existing tank and placement of a new tank, necessary fire protection, improved water quality, construction and long term maintenance costs, and environmental & aesthetic issues. Another issue discussed was the current lease agreements with the three cellular companies who currently have equipment located on the existing tank. Further options will be presented to and discussed with the Commission as the planning stages of this necessary water distribution endeavor progresses.

Other Business

The Commission members were provided with a copy of a memo dated November 2, 2017 from Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull to the Board of Selectmen re: New England Transrail – Environmental Impact Statement.

Public Comment Period

None

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission will be held December 21, 2017 in Room 9 at Town Hall unless otherwise posted.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary