

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
April 19, 2018 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on April 19, 2018 in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM. Present were Chairman Balliro, Commissioner Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

Nassau Avenue WST Presentation

Michael Cunningham, Civil Engineer of Kleinfelder attended the meeting to give a presentation to the Commission and residents in the neighborhood of the Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank. The PowerPoint Presentation included an overview of the history of the tank which was constructed in 1929. This tank has exhausted its lifespan. The possibility of eliminating the tank was discussed, but is not a viable option because the tank provides a crucial amount of water volume and pressure for fire protection in that section of Town, particularly for the schools located on Carter Lane and Boutwell Street. Tank styles and paint color were discussed. It was explained that the tank would need to be relocated within the lot. Residents were very concerned with the tank being moved from its current location. It was explained that due to the sloping of the parcel and the telecommunication buildings on site, the proposed location for the new tank is the best option. Some residents asked if those buildings could be moved & it was agreed that the Town would address this with the cellular companies. There was discussion relative to the time line from the construction of the new tank all the way to the demolition of the old tank. Also discussed was the landscaping and types of trees & bushes that would be planted. Joseph Lobao reiterated that the vote at Town meeting would be for the approval of funding only, and would not mean that this particular design proposal would be final. Commissioner Allan suggested that an on-site meeting be arranged to show residents exactly where the tank is being recommended to be constructed by marking off the area. An on-site meeting will be scheduled.

79 Nichols Street – Sewer Connection

Greg Saab and Jill Mann were present to discuss a lot of land located at 79 Nichols Street they will be developing. As discussed at the February 15, 2018 meeting, their intent is to construct five (5) affordable housing condominiums. They are proposing to run a sewer connection under a walking path along the Middlesex Canal. Ms. Mann stated that connecting to the municipal sewer system is the developers is still the most desirable and preferred method of sewer discharge in lieu of a common septic system or individual septic systems.

Mr. Lobao had previously explained that the lot at 79 Nichols Street is in the non-sewer district and requirements for constructing homes within a non- sewer district area require reverting to the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan (CWRMP) guidelines and requirements. Some of the requirements are as follows:

- Connections cannot exceed the 200 single family sewer connection allotment throughout Town. So far only one of these 200 are being used.
- Recommendation from The Wilmington Board of Health
- The project will need to demonstrate that the need for sewer exists and that no other viable wastewater treatment & disposal option exists.

The developer stated that septic systems could be put in, but it would not work with the current design of the development, whereas they are attempting to leave as much open space as possible. There was a lengthy discussion relative to the one sewer connection vs. a common septic system.

The Commission would like to see specifically what advantages there would be for both the Town and the development of the condominiums being connected to the public sewer system. It was concurred that the developer should return to Commission with a detailed explanation as to how this development would be good use of the availability of the sewer allotment and how a connection to the public sewer system would be beneficial for both the Town & the development.

Approval of Minutes

- January 18, 2018 Tabled
- March 15, 2018 Tabled

Billing Adjustments & Corrections

The following billing adjustments and corrections were presented to the Commission:

Robert Anderson	20 Douglas Avenue	Residential	Estimated Bill	65.51
Nazzaro/Malone	116 Aldrich Road	Residential	Abate Penalty per PM	1.21
Sylvia Rodrigues	3 Boyle Street	Residential	Abate Penalty per PM	6.19
Diane Morrissey	6 Gandalf Way	Residential	Abate Penalty per PM	5.60

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLIRO IT WAS VOTED TO RATIFY THE BILLING ADJUSTMENTS AND CORRECTIONS AS APPROVED BY PAMELA MACKENZIE, TREASURER COLLECTOR AND/OR JOSEPH LOBAO, UTILITY AND BUSINESS MANAGER.

Proposed FY2019 Water & Sewer Budget

A brief discussion of the the FY2018 Water & Sewer Budgets took place.

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FY2019 WATER BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FY2019 SEWER BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

Monthly Report

The March 2018 monthly report was submitted to and reviewed by Commission members. Mr. Lobao informed the Commission that the water drawn from the Shawsheen Avenue Well was low for the month of March due to the well being off line for cleaning. In addition to that, during the Nor'easter a tree came down on the building taking the power lines down. The Town had to wait for RMLD to repair the wires before we could put the well back on line.

Annual Water Main Flushing Program

The annual water main flushing program began April 17 and will take approximately 8 weeks to complete. Correspondence from Mark Nelson regarding his request that the water mains on Mather and Walnut Streets be flushed in conjunction with the Town's annual water main flushing program was reviewed. Commissioner Allan reiterated that all public water mains are included in the flushing program each spring and that Mather and Walnut Streets would be flushed.

Other Business

2018 Annual Town Meeting – May 5th @ 10:30AM High School Auditorium

Public Comment Period

None

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission to be held May 17, 2018 will need to be rescheduled. The Commission will post an alternate date as soon as it is set.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary