

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
May 30, 2018 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on May 30, 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.

6 Concord Street Abatement Request

Mr. & Mrs. Cimino were present to discuss their request for an abatement of repair charges that incurred on January 7, 2018 due to a frozen water service. The owner requested relief from the amount of hours charged for labor. Following a brief discussion, it was determined that the actual amount of hours billed was higher than necessary to resolve the homeowners issue. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO IT WAS VOTED TO ABATE THE 2/1/2018 REPAIR BILL FOR 6 CONCORD STREET FROM \$1,229.58 TO \$245.92, WAIVING ANY PENALTY AND TO ALLOW PAYMENTS TO BE MADE ON SAID BILL FREE OF PENALTY.

195 Salem Street Abatement Request --Tabled

6 Scaltrito Drive Abatement Request

Mr. Joseph DiJulia was present to discuss his request for an abatement of water use. He stated that his usage has gone up significantly. He also explained that he has checked his meter and the dials are continuously moving, He has kept a reading log and it indicates that water is passing through the meter when there are no faucets in use. The Commission explained that this indicates a water leak and suggested that he contact a plumber to assess. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO DENY THE ABATMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY MR. JOSEPH DIJULIA.

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.

As the Commission requested, they submitted a packet describing specific advantages there would be for both the Town and the development of the condominiums being connected to the public sewer system. Among those advantages were:

- No wetland crossing & limited incursion into the buffer to the wetlands.
- A restriction of development activities to a 60,000 square foot area of property.
- A concentration & reduction in impervious areas.
- The preservation of approximately 134,000 square feet of the property that will leave undisturbed a large natural buffer between the railroad and the existing homes located on Jacques Lane.
- The ability to create a separate lot for the benefit of the Middlesex Canal
- The ability to construct a walking path along the Canal that will connect Nichols Street with Jacques Lane.
- Elimination of public burden as the access drive for the Project will be private. Cost associated with maintaining the access drive, snow and ice removal and trash disposal will remain private.
- The construction of smaller & moderately priced homes.

Following a lengthy discussion the Commission concurred that the proposed plan, inclusive of connecting to the Towns sewer system would be worthy of using a maximum of 5 of the remaining 199 allotments for non-sewer district connections.

It was reiterated that their plan would need to be reviewed and approved by the Towns sewer engineer, Arcadis, at the developer's expense.

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, TO APPROVE THE SEWER CONNECTION PROPOSAL FOR 79 NICHOLS STREET AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED ABOVE, ALLOWING A MAXIMUM OF 5 ALLOTMENTS.

Commission Re-Organization

Robert LaVita has been appointed for another term on the Commission. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS VOTED TO APPOINT JOSEPH BALLIRO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 18, 2018 Meeting: ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2018 MEETING.

March 15, 2018 Meeting: ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2018 MEETING. Commissioner Allan abstained.

April 19, 2018 Meeting: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2018 MEETING.

May 5, 2018 Meeting: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2018 MEETING.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections

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

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| Mark St Aubin | 14 Dorothy Avenue | Residential | Abate Penalty per PM | 1.93 |
| Daniel Denufrio | 36 Dobson Avenue | Residential | Abate Penalty per PM | 1.31 |
| Joe GFI-BIG | 1 Burlington Avenue | Commercial | Estimated Adjustment | 985.43 |

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN 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.

Nassau Avenue WST Presentation

As a result of the site meeting with the residents, the Town and Michael Cunningham, Civil Engineer of Kleinfelder reviewed other options as to the construction location of the new Nassau Avenue WST. It has been unarguably determined that to rebuild the tank in the same location is just not feasible. A plan for an alternate location has been designed by the engineer. There will be additional costs including project management, redesign and potential rock removal. There will also be less space for construction. This compromise will benefit the residents in that an approximate 40-50 feet will be added to the set-back from Dunmore Road. It was recommended by Commissioner Allan that a copy of the new location be sent to the residents. Test pits & borings will be dug over the next 3 weeks for the new location.

Monthly Report

The April 2018 monthly report was presented and reviewed by the Commission members.

Other Business - None

Public Comment Period - None

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission to be held June 21, 2018.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary