

*Town of Wilmington*  
*Water & Sewer Commission*  
*August 20, 2015 Meeting*

The Water and Sewer Commission met on August 20, 2015 in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present was Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 13, 2015 were tabled due to the absence of Chairman Joseph Balliro.

**Billing Adjustments and Corrections**

The following approved billing adjustments/corrections were presented to the Commission for ratification:

John McGuinness	335 Chestnut Street	Residential	Abate Penalty per MK	4.21
Jeffrey A Hall	5 St. Paul Street	Residential	Abate Penalty per MK	2.81
Randi Holland	28 Glen Road	Residential	Abate Penalty per MK	1.06
Michael Tkachuk	10 Silverhurst Avenue	Residential	Per W&S Comm 4-23-15	456.59
Paul Boudreau	20A High Street	Residential	Adj. Final Incorrect Read	185.13
Laura Nazzaro	116 Aldrich Road	Residential	Per W&S Comm 7-16-15	135.51

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

**Hopkins Street Subdivision**

Joseph Maynard of Benchmark Engineers was present on behalf of the owners of a 17 home proposed subdivision off of Hopkins Street. There is currently no sewer available and the lots fall within the non-sewer district. Septic systems are an option; however Mr. Maynard explained that septic systems are not ideal. In addition he stated that other homes along the sewer extension route could potentially benefit by being able to connect to the municipal sewer system. Commissioner Allan stated that the criteria do not exist for a sewer extension. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS VOTED TO TABLE A VOTE UNTIL THE NEXT WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING.

**Abatement Application - 119 Grove Avenue**

Application was not submitted to the office.

**In-House 2-Inch Water Main Replacement**

Water Department personnel have replaced 950' of 2" pipe with 8" ductile iron pipe in Dexter Street and Silverhurst Avenue. Three fire hydrants have been installed. The homes have been tied over onto the new main. The next project to be done will be Winchell and Burnap which will begin on or about September 14, 2015

**Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank**

A leak found at the Nassau Avenue WST was detected and has been repaired.

**Glen Road & Middlesex Avenue Project**

The water main improvement phase of the Glen Road and Middlesex Avenue project has been completed.

**Redevelopment of Olin Superfund Site**

The Commission was presented with a copy of the letter dated July 30, 2015 to The Honorable Elizabeth Warren, 317 Hart Senate Office Building in Washington DC, written by Town Manager, Jeff Hull. In this letter, Mr. Hull expresses, on behalf of himself and The Board of Selectmen opposition to redevelopment of this site. There was a brief discussion and the Commission concurred with Mr. Hull.

**Monthly Report**

The monthly report for July of 2015 was reviewed by the Commission.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan - Public Meeting**

A Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is being updated to help the Town in reducing its vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazard events.

**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting Time**

The Water & Sewer Commission will meet at 5:30 PM instead of 5:00 beginning with the August meeting.

**Other Business**

Well Cleaning Bids have been received for the cleaning of Shawsheen Avenue and Salem Street well fields. The apparent low bidder is DL Maher.

Leak Detection Carl Sopper found 3 water main leaks, 4 service leaks and 6 fire hydrants leaking. The estimated water loss is 150,000/day. Water Department personnel are in the process of repairing the found leaks.

**Public Comment Period** - Stanley Stedman owner of 555 Main Street, Fred Cain owner of 579 Main Street and Luke Roy of LJR Engineering appeared before the Commission to discuss their request to run a sewer service through an easement from 555 Main Street (M41-P140) through 563 Main Street (M41-P139) to service 579 Main Street (M41-P138). It was explained to the Commission that a septic system is not an option due to lack of Title V approval. It was reiterated that the sewer main should be extended in the public way (Route 38), as required by the Water & Sewer Department. Mr. Stedman explained that this would pose a grave hardship. They do have approval of the Board of Health. This item will be placed on the agenda for a vote at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission – September 17, 2015 at 5:00 PM.**

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Diane Forest, Recording Secretary