

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
August 15, 2019 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on August 15, 2019 in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM. Present were Chairman Joseph Balliro, Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Robert Lavita, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

Approval of Minutes - June 20, 2019 ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2019 WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING.

Approval of Minutes - July 18, 2019 ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2019 WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING. CHAIRMAN BALLIRO, NOT BEING PRESENT AT SAID MEETING ABSTAINED.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections -

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

Veritas Realty	20 Baker Street	Residential Billing Correction	\$7.47
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ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RATIFY THE BILLING ADJUSTMENT AND CORRECTION AS APPROVED BY JOSEPH LOBAO, UTILITY & BUSINESS DIRECTOR.

58 Jonspin Road - Illegal Fire Hydrant Use

Mr. Lobao explained that on July 26, 2019, this office was notified by Deputy Chief William F Cavanaugh that Fire Department personnel, along with Fire Alarm & Safety Tech., responded to a fire pump alarm on Jonspin Road. A street sweeper was found to be working for Heiland Electronics. Upon being questioned, the driver stated that they were filling the truck from a fire hydrant. This is a violation of Mass. General Laws and Water Department Rules and Regulations, which require that a permit be obtained before any water can be withdrawn from our system. Additionally, only Wilmington Water and Fire Department employees performing their duty for the Town are authorized to operate any hydrant. It should be made clear that this type of activity will not be tolerated. It jeopardizes public safety, causes water quality problems and could undermine the integrity of the pavement and earth around the hydrant. Future violations of the Water Department Rules and Regulations will result in legal action being taken. The Administration Office followed up by sending a certified letter to the property owner along with an invoice for \$550 fine.

1 Burlington Avenue - Illegal Fire Hydrant Use

Mr. Lobao explained that on July 17, 2019 our office was notified by Lt. Robert W. Varey III of the Wilmington Fire Department that Lt. Nansel responded to a Box alarm at 1 Burlington Avenue, and upon arrival found that "Howards Asphalt" who has a contract with that property to strip the pavement in the parking lot was filling his asphalt stripper from the yard hydrant, which tripped the jockey pump for the building and caused the alarm. This is a violation of Mass. General Laws and Water Department

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Monthly Report

The July 2019 monthly report was presented to and reviewed by the Commission members.

Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank Update

Mr. Lobao gave a brief update relative to the progress at the Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank. The project continues to move forward smoothly. The support beams have been constructed and the next step will be the internal construction. Mr. Lobao will continue to keep the Commission informed of the project process.

Barrow's Well Field Quality Update

Mr. Lobao updated the Commission members relative to the replacement of the Barrow's Well Field. Part of the MassDEP well approval process includes sampling for a series of contaminants which include VOC's, sodium, secondary contaminants, nitrates, nitrites and PFAS. Water quality samples resulted in a detection of PFAS in the raw water from the new wells, but not near the current EPA standards which is 70 ppt. The raw water from the old wells had never been tested for PFAS. It was explained that prior to distributing the water to the public, the raw water from the wells enter the Sargent Treatment Plant where, among other treatment processes, it is filtered using Granular Activated Carbon (GAC), one of the recommended methods for PFAS removal and reduction. Follow up testing of the finish water showed that the GAC was effective as only trace levels, well below any existing or proposed Health Advisory Level, were evident. The Town will continue consulting with MassDEP and their consultant, Kleinfelder, and Mr. Lobao will provide an update at next month's meeting.

Woburn Street Water Main Projects

Town Personnel are installing approximately 750' of new 12-inch cement lined ductile iron water main starting at #182 Woburn Street and ending near the intersection of Park Street. The new water main will replace an existing 10" cast iron water main that was built in the 1950s. This upgrade will also include the installation of two new fire hydrants in the area. Once the Town has completed its work, a private contractor, Joseph P. Cardillo & Son, Inc., will subsequently begin the installation of a new 12-inch cement lined ductile iron water main that starts at the Park Street/Woburn Street area (where the Town is completing its project) and crosses over the I-93 overpass to the west side of the bridge. Mr. Lobao will provide an update at next month's meeting.

Other Business - None

Public Comment Period - None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on September 19, 2019.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:


Diane Forest, Recording Secretary

