

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
June 16th, 2022 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on June 16th, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM. Present were, Chairman George Allan, Commissioner Michael Camoscio, Utility & Business Manager, Joseph Lobao, Diane Forest, Assistant Business Manager and Recording Secretary Brianna Dunbar.

Approval of Minutes

- April 21, 2022 Meeting – Tabled due to Commissioner LaVita's absence.
- May, 19, 2022 Meeting – ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2022 MEETING WERE APPROVED.

Billing Adjustments & Correction

Gregory Smart	14 Salem Street	Residential	Sewer Connect	\$156.74
Diane Monestere	64 Forest Street	Residential	Per W&S Comm	29.84
Nikhil Kodgule	2 Christine Drive	Residential	Per W&S Comm	2,66.80

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO RATIFY THE BILLING ADJUSTMENTS AND CORRECTIONS AS PRESENTED.

Abatement Requests - None

Monthly Report

The monthly report for both April and May, 2022 were presented to Commission members for review.

Commission Reorganization – Tabled

Salem Street Wellfield Rehabilitation

The supply chain issues continue to delay the Salem Street Wellfield Rehabilitation project. Weston and Sampson CMR Inc. is looking into seeing if we can obtain the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) from another manufacturer. Mr. Lobao will keep the Commission informed.

Brown's Crossing

Maher Services has begun the redevelopment, surging and chemical treatment of 15 gravel packed wells at the Brown's Crossing well field. They have been on site for a week. This project will take approximately a month to complete.

GAC Replacement – Butter's Row WTP

Sealed bids for the replacement of the granular activated carbon at the Butter's Row Water Treatment were opened on May 18, 2022. The two bidders were Calgon Carbon Corporation at with a total bid price of \$220,226 and Carbon Activated Corporation with a total bid price of \$139,300. The bid has been awarded to Carbon Activated Corporation. The Town will continue to wast the PFAS levels at the Sargent WTP to determine when the next carbon change out needs to take place.

Nassau Avenue WST – Demolition

The bid opening for the demolition of the Nassau Avenue water storage tank will take place within a few weeks. It is anticipated that the actual demolition of the tank will commence in the fall. Chairman Allan recommended that we reach out to the area residents prior to the demolition to inform them of the upcoming construction work.

Other Business

- **79 Nichols Street – Sewer Extension Request** – A developer recently presented a conceptual plan to the Town to build condo and apartments at 79 Nichols Street. Chairman Allan reminded the other Commission members of a previous plan and the discussions and votes taken at the May 21, 2020 meeting relative to a sewer connection request for property located at 79 Nichols Street was made.

Excerpt from May 21, 2020 Water & Sewer Commission Meeting:

Jill Mann of Mann & Mann, P.C. was present on behalf of the owner and developer of 79 Nichols Street. Joseph Lobao, Business & Utility Manager explained that Ms. Mann appeared before the Water & Sewer Commission at their May 30, 2018 and was conceptually and unanimously approved an out of sewer district sewer connection for up to 5 homes at 79 Nichols Street.

Ms. Mann explained that her reasons for appearing before the Commission tonight. As stated in a letter dated March 20, 2020, entered into record, Ms. Mann explained that she, on behalf of the owner/developer was seeking confirmation that the 2018 out-of-district sewer connection allotment for up to five (5) homes applies to the property regardless of whether it is a Conservation Subdivision or a Conventional Development, noting that it is the Commission's preference that the Property be developed as a conservation subdivision. In addition, the owner/developer is requesting that the Commission approve the extension of the sewer line from the property through a private utility easement area and onto Jacques Lane where it will connect to an existing sewer main in the public way. Ms. Mann explained that if not approved, the owner faces substantial hardship with the only other two options: (1) the Town will not permit the private sewer line to run through a Town owned parcel and (2) the next closest sewer main is located in Shawsheen Avenue nearly 1 ½ miles away.

The owner is requesting that the Commission approve the extension of the private sewer line through a 10' wide private easement area subject to the Owner of records with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds a perpetual utility easement over the abutter's property for the sole purpose of installing and maintaining a sewer line and that the Owner or its successor agree that the sewer line will remain private in perpetuity and will be installed, maintained and repaired at the sole expense of the Owner and that the owner will install a sleeve for the line within the private easement area.

There was discussion relative to the options of installation, access to rights of access and as to the width of the 10' private easement requested. Mr. Lobao explained that the Board of Health is in favor of sewer connections in lieu of separate or a common septic system.

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT SEWER CONNECTION FOR UP TO FIVE (5) HOMES, FOR EITHER A CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION OR A CONVENTIONAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 79 NICHOLS STREET AND UPON REVIEW OF THE TOWN OF INTERNAL TOWN ENGINEER AS WELL AS THE TOWNS SEWER CONSULTANT AND THAT THIS VOTE IS INDEPENDENT OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.

ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER ALLAN – YES
COMMISSIONER LAVITA – YES
CHAIRMAN BALLIRO – YES

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPROXIMATE 200' SEWER MAIN INSTALLATION THROUGH AN APPROXIMATE 10' WIDE EASMENT AND THAT THE SEWER MAIN BE INSTALLED INSIDE A SLEEVE.

ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER ALLAN – YES
COMMISSIONER LAVITA – YES

CHAIRMAN BALLIRO – YES

There was lengthy discussion relative to this parcel of land lying within a non-sewer district area, and the 200-home sewer connection allotment allowed the Town under the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan (CWRMP).


- **100 West Street** – A proposal by a developer to construct a 132 unit housing complex is in the works. This parcel falls within a non-sewer district area and the developer may be presenting a sewer extension request to the Commission in the near future.
- **2021 Consumer Confident Report** – The 2021 Consumer Confidence Report has been completed and residents should receive a copy in the mail by the beginning of July. If one is not received, residents can contact the DPW Water Division at 978-658-4711 or by visiting the Wilmington website at <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/water-sewer-division/pages/drinking-water-quality-reports>
- **MWRA Advisory Board** – At the last MWRA Advisory Board meeting it was voted by member communities to waive the new entrance fee and be charged for water consumption only. The MWRA would like to encourage communities to join the MWRA.

Public Comment Period - No public comments

Next Meeting -The next meeting is scheduled to be held on July 21st, 2022.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Brianna Dunbar, Recording Secretary