

*Town of Wilmington*  
*Water & Sewer Commission*  
*July 16, 2015 Meeting*

The Water and Sewer Commission met on July 16, 2015 in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Chairman Joseph Balliro, Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

**Abatement Request – 116 Aldrich Road**

John Malone, owner of 116 Aldrich Road was present to discuss his application for abatement of service charges assessed to his May 1, 2015 water bill. On March 16<sup>th</sup> Water Department personnel responded to a call reporting that there was no water at 116 Aldrich. Upon arrival it was determined that the water service was frozen on the street side of the service due to the extreme cold weather. A crew of 4 men worked for 2 hours during regular business hours, digging up the service, thawing the pipe, replacing 3' feet of copper pipe, installing 2 3-part connectors and an iron to copper adapter. The owners were instructed to leave the water running in a faucet during the deep freeze to ensure that the moving water would prevent the service from freezing again. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, a crew responded to a call for a recurring problem of no water due to the service being frozen. This being the second call an invoice of \$250.92 was generated for the labor. Mr. Malone argued that the service was frozen on the street side of the pipe and did not feel he should be responsible for any charges. The Water Department Rules & Regulations (pg. 14:IV:A-7) were referred to whereas it states:

- “The Water Department, in no way, assumes any responsibility for frozen service lines. Necessary thawing of lines and/or repairs are the responsibility of the property owner.”

It was explained to Mr. Malone that the issue of his pipes freezing could potentially be recurring and he was advised to hire a contractor to rectify the problem. Following a lengthy discussion the following motion was made:

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLEN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO REDUCE THE SERVICE CHARGES OF \$250.92 BY 50% AND ANY PENALTIES OR LATE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CHARGE BE FORGIVEN.

**Other Business – Private Sewer Easement 555 to 579 Main Street**

Stanley Stedman owner of 555 Main Street, Fred Cain owner of 579 Main Street and Luke Roy of LJR Engineering were present 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 stated 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. The request will be taken into consideration, however it was explained to them that Board of Health approval is needed prior to an appeal with the Water & Sewer Commission to deviate from the existing regulations. They agreed to go to the Board of Health for approval and return to Water & Sewer Commission.

**Approval of Minutes**

December 18, 2014 Meeting: ON A MOTION MADE BY CCOMMISSIONER ALLAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2014 MEETING.

April 23, 2015 Meeting: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS VOTED TO APROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2015 MEETING. CHAIRMAN BALLIRO ABSTAINED DUE TO NOT BEING PRESENT AT THE APRIL MEETING.

May 21, 2015 Meeting: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLEN, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2015 MEETING. COMMISSIONER LAVITA ABSTAINED DUE TO NOT BEING PRESENT THE MAY MEETING.

**Billing Adjustments and Corrections**

There were none.

**Monthly Report**

The monthly report for May and June of 2015 were reviewed by the Commission.

**Annual Water Main Flushing**

The annual water main flushing program has come to completion. The program took 9 weeks and approximately 9 million gallons of water were used.

**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. As soon as bacteriological results come back clean, the crew will begin tying over 20 service lines to homes in the neighborhood. Completion of this endeavor is expected in 2-3 weeks.

**2014 Consumer Confidence Report**

The 2014 Consumer Confidence Report was presented to the Commission. The reports have been mailed to all residents and businesses and are also available on the Towns website.

**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**

Tennessee Pipeline - Kinder Morgan will be holding a Scoping Session on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 PM at Dracut Senior High School. The goal of the meeting is to prepare

for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Written comment period deadline is August 31, 2015

**Public Comment Period** - None

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission – August 20, 2015 at 5:00 PM.**

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Diane Forest, Recording Secretary