

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
February 18, 2021 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met via ZOOM on February 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Roll Call: Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Michael Camoscio, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

ZOOM Meeting

Read Into Record by Commissioner George Allan: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c 30A, section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, the meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission will be conducted via remote participation. Members of the public who wish to watch and listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: WCTV.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. Members of the public who wish to listen to this meeting while in progress may also do so via telephone by dialing **(312) 626-6799** and entering meeting ID 871 4724 9278 then press # and press # again at the next voice prompt.

Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, by following the steps previously noted then press *9 on their telephone keypad. This will notify the meeting host that the caller wishes to speak. All callers using this feature will be placed in queue in the order they entered the prompt. In the event that despite our best efforts, we are not able to provide real-time access, we will post a record of this meeting on the Town's website as soon as we are able.

Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2021 – ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections – There were none.

Abatement Request – 45 West Street

Andrew Roketenetz of 45 West Street was present at the January 21, 2012 meeting to discuss his abatement request for water charges reflected on the November 2, 2020 water bill. Following a lengthy discussion, it was recommended that the meter be pulled and tested to rule out a faulty meter. The meter has since been tested and found to register water usage within the 2% allowable by Chapter 40, Section 39I of Massachusetts General Laws. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO DENY THE ABATEMENT REQUEST FOR 45 WEST STREET.

Abatement Request – 209 Wildwood Street

Several attempts have been made to reach out to the owner and there has been no response. THERE BEING NO BASIS TO GRANT AN ABATMENT, A MOTION MADE BY

COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN, CARRIED TO DENY THE ABATEMENT REQUEST FOR 209 WILDWOOD STREET.

Abatement Request – 27 Kenwood Avenue

Several attempts have been made to reach out to the owner and there has been no response. THERE BEING NO BASIS TO GRANT AN ABATMENT, A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN, CARRIED TO DENY THE ABATEMENT REQUEST FOR 27 KENWOOD AVENUE.

24 Freeport Drive – Adjustment

The owner of 24 Freeport Drive has submitted in writing that the abatement request for her August 1, 2020 water bill be extended to include her November 2, 2020 water bill, as the faulty meter was in place for a portion of that billing cycle. The Commission discussed using the same method in calculating the abatement used for the August bill. The Commission had previously recommended reaching out to the owner to see if that would be agreeable and the owner has since agreed. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO ABATE THE NOVEMBER 1, 2020 WATER BILL BACK TO \$388.26 AND ALSO WAIVE ANY LATE FEES INCURRED.

Route 125 Bridge Accident

Mr. Lobao explained to the Commission that on February 10, 2021 a 10-wheel triaxle roll off dumpster truck that drove down I-93S crashed into the Rt125 overpass bridge because the dumpster was up in the air. There was considerable damage done the bridge. MassDOT is investigating and bridge repairs will take place. The immediate issue for the Water Department is that there is a 12" insulated water main suspended on the bridge. The impact was on the opposite side of the bridge. Green International who is the same engineering company that designed and oversaw the construction of that main, was hired to assess any damages. They performed a visual inspection on Thursday, February 11th. A more comprehensive examination of the main was performed Friday night and no damage was found.

Budget Presentation Overview - FY2022

The Commission was provided with a copy of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Presentation Overview. This was presented to the Finance Committee. There was a brief discussion relative to the budget and the MWRA Assessment. Mr. Lobao noted that he will be looking for a vote from the Commission to support the FY2022 Budget at a future meeting.

Town Annual Report 2020

The 2020 Town's Annual Report for the Water & Sewer Divisions were presented to the Commission. This report has been submitted to the Town Manager and will be printed with the Town's Annual Report book.

Monthly Report

The January 2021 monthly report was presented to the Commission members.

Other Business – There was no other business.

Public Comment Period – There were no requests for public comment.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on March 18, 2021 via ZOOM.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:



Diane Forest, Recording Secretary