

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

The Water and Sewer Commission met via ZOOM on March 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, 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 ID890 5460 7743 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.

Roll Call: Chairman George Allan - Present, Commissioner Robert LaVita - Present, Commissioner Michael Camoscio - Present

Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2021 – Roll Call Vote: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2021. ROBERT LAVITA, NOT BEING PRESENT AT THAT MEETING ABSTAINED FROM VOTING.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections

Ann Carideo	24 Freeport Drive	Residential	W&S Comm	\$ 360.60
Irene Stein	15 Blanchard Road	Residential	Estimated Bill	\$ 107.07

Roll Call Vote: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RATIFY THE BILLING ADJUSTMENT AND CORRECTIONS AS APPROVED PRESENTED.

Abatement Request – 18 Biggar Avenue

Antonio Braga, the homeowner of 18 Biggar Avenue, joined the meeting to discuss his abatement request for charges incurred due to a holiday afterhours call on October 12, 2020.

Mr. Braga explained that on this day, while a contractor was excavating in his yard for the purpose of replacing a septic system, the water line was struck. The on-call Water Department employee was called out to assist in shutting the water service off so that the contractor could repair and relocate the broken pipe. The water had been marked out on April 6, 2020 and the septic design was prepared based on those water ties that the Water Department had on file. Mr. Braga asked for some relief for these charges. Due to the unusual circumstances and following a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made: Roll Call Vote: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJUST THE REPAIR BILL FOR 18 BIGGAR AVENUE FOR WORK DONE ON OCTOBER 12, 2020 FROM THE DOUBLE TIME RATE TO THE STRAIGHT TIME RATE AND TO WAIVE THE LATE FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REPAIR BILL.

Budget Presentation Overview - FY2022

The Commission was provided with a copy of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Presentation Overview. Mr. Lobao explained that this presentation was also used to present the budget to the Finance Committee. Chairman Allan noted that the proposed water budget for Fiscal Year 2022 sees an overall decrease of 7.8% compared to the current Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Mr. Lobao explained that the biggest reason for this is a decrease in capital outlay items. There was a brief discussion about the sewer budget. Mr. Lobao stated that the Finance Committee was pleased with the presentation. Roll Call Vote: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SUPPORT THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 WATER AND SEWER BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

Monthly Report

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

2021 Annual Water Main Flushing Program

The annual water main flushing and valve exercising program will begin on Tuesday April 20, 2021. The flushing program will be conducted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M. and will take approximately 8 weeks to complete. Flushing the water mains aids in removing sediments that collect in the pipeline resulting in improved water quality. Unfortunately, this work may temporarily cause some discolored water but should become clear after running your cold water for a few minutes. The water will remain safe to drink during this program. Residents will be notified of this program through the newspaper, website, WCTV and social media.

Cook Avenue Water Main Update

Mr. Lobao updated the Commission members relative to the Cook Avenue water main installation. Olin Corporation will be installing approximately 800 feet of 8" ductile iron pipe from Route 38 up Cook Avenue and Burnham Street. Olin will also be connecting house #'s 19 and 23 Cook Avenue to the new main. The other houses along the line will be provided with water curbs for future connection. Three fire hydrants will be installed as well. Olin Corporation will be funding 100% of this project. Mr. Lobao will keep the Commission informed.

EPA Record of Decision – Olin Chemical

Mr. Lobao explained that the EPA-ROD (Record of Decision) is a public document that explains the remediation plan for the cleanup of the Olin Corporation Superfund Site on Eames Street. The Town was informed that the EPA is in the process of preparing the ROD which will provide interim actions to remove the source of contamination in the ground water and the final actions for removing contamination in the soil and surface water.

Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study – Update

Mr. Lobao informed the Commission that on Tuesday March 23, 2021 there is a meeting to be led by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Town Manager, Wilmington Board of Health, DPW Director, among others. This study began in the late 1990's. The findings of this study will be presented.

Other Business

- 848 Woburn Street (Industrial Way Booster Station) – The above ground pump station and underground water storage tank were demolished in 2015 and the site has been vacant since that time. The Town's Property Review Board has recommended that this parcel be added to surplus property and be released and put out to bid. The Water & Sewer Commission will need to vote to release the property. Chairman Allan requested further information on the property, which will be provided at the next meeting.

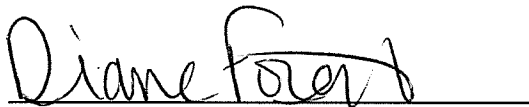
Public Comment Period – There were no requests for public comment.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 22, 2021 via ZOOM.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Diane Forest, Recording Secretary