

*Town of Wilmington*  
*Water & Sewer Commission*  
*April 1, 2021 Meeting*  
*Rescheduled from April 15, 2021*

The Water and Sewer Commission met via ZOOM on April 1, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Chairman George Allan, Commissioner Michael Camoscio, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

**ZOOM Meeting**

Read into Record by Chairman 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: Zoom.

**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 835 0575 2076 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 – March 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 MARCH 18, 2021.

- ROLL CALL COMMISSIONER MICHAEL CAMOSCIO – YES
- ROLL CALL CHAIRMAN GEORGE ALLAN – YES

**Billing Adjustments & Corrections** – There were none.

**Monthly Report**

The March monthly was not submitted at this time due to the data not being fully collected in time for preparation.

**848 Woburn Street – Surplus Property**

Mr. Lobao explained that the parcel being discussed is 848 Woburn Street, which is a lot a little over 13,000 square feet located at the corner of Industrial Way and Woburn Street. It previously had an underground water storage tank and an above ground water pump station known as the Industrial Way Booster Station. Both structures were demolished and removed in 2015 and this

parcel has been vacant since that time. The owners of 12 Industrial Way, which is the lot that sits next to 848 Industrial Way, have recently petitioned that the parcel be proposed for disposition. The Property Review Board for the Town has voted unanimously to recommend to Jeffrey Hull, Town Manager, that the parcel be deemed surplus. Town Counsel has determined that the Water & Sewer Commission must vote to approve this property be deemed surplus. It would then go to Town Meeting for vote.

Michael Camoscio asked for a description of the historical use of this parcel. Mr. Lobao explained that the old pump station and storage tank were installed in the 1970's primarily to provide fire protection for the businesses on Industrial Way and Progress Way. Once the permanent connection was made between the Town and the MWRA, the Town's consultants did a comprehensive evaluation of the Town and it was determined that the Industrial Way Booster Station was no longer needed to provide the necessary fire protection to this area. The water lines have been eliminated out in the street.

A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED THAT THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 848 WOBURN STREET, MAP 46, PARCEL 134A, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER THE CARE, CUSTODY, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE WILMINGTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR WATER SUPPLY PURPOSES.

- ROLL CALL COMMISSIONER MICHAEL CAMOSCIO – YES
- ROLL CALL CHAIRMAN GEORGE ALLAN – YES

A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO ABANDON THE 10' EASEMENT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY USED FOR THE WATER LINE SUPPLY TO THE INDUSTRIAL WAY BOOSTER STATION AND STORAGE TANK.

- ROLL CALL COMMISSIONER MICHAEL CAMOSCIO – YES
- ROLL CALL CHAIRMAN GEORGE ALLAN – YES

#### **Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study**

The Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study has been released. Mr. Lobao stated that there have been minimal inquiries from the public but anyone who is interested in obtaining the study can do so by going to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's website: <https://www.mass.gov/news/state-study-suggests-link-between-elevated-rates-of-childhood-cancer-in-wilmington-in-the-1990s-and-formerly-contaminated-public-water-supply>. Chairman Allan requested that a link be provided on the Town's website. Mr. Lobao stated that the Town is taking this extremely seriously. The Town is conferring with the Town's consultant, Geolnsight, to determine if there are any further necessary steps. The Board of Health is also studying the findings. The Department of Public Health informed the Town that they are committed to continuing to monitoring the childhood cancer rates in Wilmington and will communicate with the Board of Health. Mr. Lobao added that according to the study, there is an association between childhood cancer and prenatal exposure to NDMA and TCE from 1990 to 2000. There is no evidence of increased odds of cancer for children who are exposed to NDMA and TCE during childhood. The cancer rates for children turned back to normal in 2001. The Department of Public Health has stated that the public drinking water is no longer contaminated with NDMA or TCE.

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

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on May 20, 2021 via ZOOM.

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

- ROLL CALL COMMISSIONER MICHAEL CAMOSCIO – YES
- ROLL CALL CHAIRMAN GEORGE ALLAN – YES

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Diane P Forest", written over a horizontal line.

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary