

*Town of Wilmington*  
*Water & Sewer Commission*  
*May 20, 2021 Meeting*

The Water and Sewer Commission met via ZOOM on May 20, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Chairman George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, 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 861 1767 7666 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 – April 1, 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
- Commissioner LaVita not being present at the April 1, 2021, meeting abstained.

**311 Middlesex Avenue – Abatement Request**

Anthony & Holly Malvone, owners of 311 Middlesex Avenue were present to discuss the abatement request submitted relative to a final water bill issued on April 23, 2021. Mr. Lobao explained the following:

- A final meter reading was taken on April 23, 2021.
- At that time, it was discovered that the original ERT, installed on 8-8-2003, was not keeping up with the actual meter register, therefore under registering usage.
- On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, a new ERT & meter register were installed and tested in line on the base. This test indicated that the meter base itself was working properly.

Given that the final water bill of \$3,196.50, was calculated in full on the current water rates, yet the usage was spread out over an unspecified period of nearly 18 years, the Water & Sewer Commission agreed that it would be fair and reasonable to pro-rate the bill going back to the first bill calculated on this meter installation.

ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAMOSCIO SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJUST THE APRIL 23, 2021, \$3196.50 FINAL WATER BILL FOR 311 MIDDLESEX AVENUE, BY VIRTUE OF PRORATING QUARTERLY CHARGES BACK TO THE INSTALLATION DATE WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN ADJUSTMENT OF \$1,536.82.

Mr. Malvone paid the final water bill in full so that he could close on the house. A refund check in the amount of \$1,659.68 will be sent to:

Anthony Malone  
188 Place Lane  
Woburn MA 01801

#### **Billing Adjustments & Corrections**

Tony Braga	18 Biggar Avenue	Residential	W&S Comm	\$ 97.62
Atlantic Oliver	80 Industrial Way	Industrial	Estimated Bill	\$ 4,883.38

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

#### **Monthly Report**

The March & April monthly reports were submitted to the Commission for review.

#### **Town Meeting Review**

Mr. Lobao explained that all three of the DPW – Water & Sewer Divisions Town Meeting Articles passed.

- \$25,000 to replace one of the two (2) pumps at the Shawsheen Commons Pump Station.
- \$40,000 for the relocation of the Main Street Sewer Pump Station Panel from underground to above ground
- 848 Woburn Street (Industrial Way Water Booster Station Property) to be added to surplus property.

#### **NDMA Testing Results**

In light of the release from The Department of Public Health's Childhood Cancer Study, stating that the public drinking water is no longer contaminated with NDMA or TCE, the DPW – Water Division proactively tested the water for NDMA at the three different point of entry sites into the public water supply system. All samples resulted in confirmation that there is no NDMA in drinking water.

#### **MassDEP Award – Outstanding Performance**

The Wilmington Water Department was granted an award for outstanding achievement and performance. To be eligible for this award, a water supplier must remain in full compliance with the regulations for the given time and in addition having no enforcements for five (5) years

straight prior. Mr. Lobao explained that it is a great achievement. This achievement will be included on the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Water Main Flushing Update**

The Water Department personnel continue to flush the hydrants to maintain the water mains in Town. The Commission will be kept updated.

**Other Business**

- Next meeting: Commission Reorganization will be on the agenda.
- Future meetings will be in person – There was discussion as to whether future meetings could be held virtually in the event that they could not attend in person. Mr. Lobao will keep the Commission informed.
- There was an update on the Nassau Avenue WST antenna placement and demolition.

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

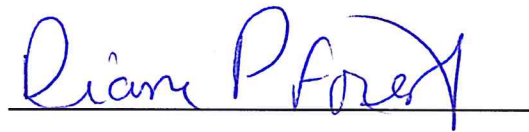
**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on June 17, 2021

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

- ROLL CALL COMMISSIONER ROBERT LAVITA - YES
- 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