

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON May 12, 2009

Present: Chairman Donald Bates, Clerk Danette Gonsalves, Superintendent Craig Wiegand, Secretary Kelly Springer

Absent: Vice Chairman Cavanaugh

Chairman Bates called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

The Board opened the public hearing for the proposed rates and fees at this time.

The minutes for the previous meeting held on April 28, 2009 were approved with a motion by Chairman Bates and seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 2-0-0.

The Board reviewed the submitted letter from Brian Hart of Circadia Bistro on Sisson Rd. Mr. Hart had a previous payment plan set up for his account which he failed to maintain. He requested a second payment plan be put in place. His business is up for sale and is currently closed. After some discussion, the board agreed to a second payment plan once the first plans payment requirements are paid in full. A letter will be sent to Mr. Hart with the Board's decision.

The Board concluded the open hearing for the new fees and rates at 8:30 a.m. and voted to accept the changes as made; 2-0-0.

The Board next met with Mr. Alex Thompson and Mr. Mike McGuire, both of Pine Knoll Rd. Mr. Thompson and Mr. McGuire recently installed a new 8" water main on the private road, Pine Knoll. The road has previously been serviced with an existing 2" water main. Mr. Thompson and Mr. McGuire were requesting that they be relieved from the responsibility of connecting the other existing 12 services on Pine Knoll to the new 8" main at their own expense. The Board addressed the reasoning for requesting the other services be connected to the new main. With only two properties using the new water main, the quality of the water would be affected due to lack of water movement. Upon discussion with the board, it was decided that Mr. Thompson and Mr. McGuire would loop the new 8" main onto the existing 2" main in order to ensure proper water flow and quality. They are also relieved of the obligation of connecting the other services onto the new main. The Board voted to approve the looping of the two water mains; 2-0-0. A letter will be sent to both Mr. Thompson and Mr. McGuire detailing the work to be done as well as requiring signatures from all parties involved.

The Board next reviewed briefly the account of Virginia Doyle at 48 North Road. Mrs. Doyle sustained a leak at her property in late April 2009. A new water service was required at this time. We received a phone call from Mrs. Doyle expressing her displeasure with the department for not enrolling her in the Service Tight Plan before this happened. All customers are responsible for maintaining and updating the department with correct and current contact information so that we are able to inform them of any news from the water department. Chairman Bates will be following up with a phone call to Mrs. Doyle addressing the necessity of her maintaining her contact information with the department. A letter will also be sent to her in regards to the Boards discussion on this day as well as the information on Service Tight should she wish to enroll.

The following three (3) abatements were reviewed by the Board:

1. Account # 1563 G.M. Schick of 35 Pleasant Street
Abatement denied; 2-0-0.
2. Account # 8992 Russell Francis of 8 Morgan Circle
Abatement denied; 2-0-0.
3. Account # 1332 Brian Callahan of 34 Willow Street
Abatement denied; 2-0-0.

The Board also had the chance to review a letter submitted from Mr. Brian McCusker of 42 Archibald Circle regarding the denied abatement for his account. Mr. McCusker will be proceeding with an appeal of the Board's decision.

Superintendent Wiegand briefly discussed the \$36,000 grant for leak detection which was then signed by the Board on a vote of 2-0-0.

Superintendent Wiegand also reviewed the letters to Mr. Lach regarding the matter of vernal pools on town land.

The Board also reviewed and signed a letter to Mr. Paul Doane regarding an agreement to run an 8" main from Lovers Lane up Grist Mill Road. Mr. Doane picked up his signed letter from the board after the meeting.

Superintendent Wiegand also reviewed the letter to the Town Administrator, James Merriam, regarding the hiring of two new laborers for the department in place of a new Assistant Superintendent. The Board reviewed and signed the letter; 2-0-0.

In conclusion of the meeting, the request for Flex Time for Superintendent Wiegand's work week was discussed and agreed upon by the Board; 2-0-0.

The next BOWC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27th at 8:15 a.m.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 9:15 a.m. with a motion by Chairman Bates, seconded by Clerk Gonsalves; 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald T Bates, Chairman

Craig Wiegand, Superintendent

George Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman

Kelly Springer, Secretary

Danette Gonsalves, Clerk