



TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
OPEN SESSION
WATER DEPT OFFICE - 22 ELM ST, MICHAEL J.
MACPHERSON MEETING ROOM & VIA ZOOM
JUNE 20, 2023

3:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Robert Erlandsen called the meeting to order at 3:35pm. He apologized for the technical difficulties we had with the Zoom feed. For the purpose of this meeting, only the audio will be recorded.

In attendance were the following: Commissioner Kostka, Kristen Berger of Resilient CE, Superintendent Chris Veracka and Clerk Stacey Smith.

Chairman Loring was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT BILL SCHEDULES:

Bill schedules were presented and signed.

MEETING MINUTES:

MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2023 - TABLED

APPOINTMENTS:

KRISTEN BERGER, RESILIENT CE RE: ENGINEERING UPDATES

UPDATE ON 1-86 WELL PUMP CLEANING - MAHER SERVICES

Ms. Berger told the Board the contract for the well cleaning is all signed and the shop drawings are in. Commissioner Kostka asked how soon they could start the work. Ms. Berger responded, she is working on the details regarding changing out the pump and figuring out if the proposed motor will work with the VFD that's already out there. It could take up to 3 weeks to get equipment, so that would get us to the end of July. Discussion continued regarding how long the well would be down and concerns about warm weather the end of July and high water usage.

WATER MORATORIUM LANGUAGE UPDATES

Ms. Berger stated this has been resolved as discussed at the previous meeting with information from MassDEP.

MAIN ST WATER MAIN PROJECT

Ms. Berger stated she is cleaning up the CAD drawings on this project to develop a Phase 1 that would be mostly trench work.

1-86/ GRASSY HOLE TREATMENT PLANT - STATUS ON HEATER AND SCADA HARNESS ASSEMBLY (IF ANY)

Ms. Berger stated we are still waiting on the heating unit. She did notify the contractor of the wash out issue in the stormwater basin. This is still under the warranty period. Commissioner Kostka asked what happened. She said in front of the treatment plant, there is a stormwater pond with two bays. There is a swalewall with rip rap in between the two bays and it had washed out over the slope and sand went into the receiving pond. Vice Chairman Erlandsen asked, there was that much flow? Superintendent Veracka stated it had washed out on one side last summer during construction with heavy rains. Ms. Berger added, they tried to stabilize it in July and had installed some mesh material but it didn't take.

Superintendent Veracka stated Mike Leary was in last week and completed the installation of the SCADA system.

REVIEW OF MARKUPS FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION MAP

No action/no discussion.

BRENNA CROWE, POTENTIAL BUYER RE: 16 SCHOFIELD RD AND OUTSTANDING WATER BILL

Ms. Crowe did not attend her appointment. No action needed.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

ARPA APPLICATION FOR PLYMOUTH COUNTY - FUNDING FOR MAIN ST WATER MAIN PROJECT

Discussion regarding ARPA took place later in meeting.

Regarding the water restriction, Superintendent Veracka told the Board signs have been posted throughout town in high traffic, high visibility areas for residents to see.

He added, the highway department is utilizing their electronic boards at the moment for their own road work projects.

KELLEHER PROPERTY UPDATE (IF ANY)

Superintendent Veracka told the Board, Mr. McDowell of the Kelleher estate has received a copy of the appraisal. Commissioner Kostka asked Superintendent Veracka to reach out to Mr. McDowell in a week or so if he hasn't heard anything, so the Commissioners can have an update.

Superintendent Veracka mentioned to Ms. Berger that he wanted her to know the effluent valve on filter #4 at Trackle Pond is failing to close. Superintendent Veracka is unsure if it's a concern with a solenoid valve. She added it to the "address" list for the contractor.

Vice Chairman Erlandsen asked if there was any update on the ARPA funding. Superintendent Veracka stated he was working with the Town Accountant on this and she was locked out of the program. The Town Accountant needed to work with the IT Director, Marie Grossman, to gain access. However, Marie is on vacation. When she returns, the Town Accountant will regain her credentials and access. In the meantime, Superintendent Veracka will work with Ms. Berger to get some start dates and updated cost estimates for the application. Vice Chairman Erlandsen asked if there was any deadlines on this application process. Superintendent Veracka stated that there is no deadline for the application.

Superintendent Veracka told the Board he received a phone call from Mr. Mutrie today. Mr. Mutrie lives on Soules Pond. He is concerned about the failing boards on the dam. Commissioner Kostka asked if it was something the water department could address. He understands the water department had a history of working on the dam boards on Elm St. Superintendent Veracka said it's a bit of a task. He is unsure what department is responsible and he will contact Conservation Agent, Matt Penella, as it may fall under their jurisdiction. Vice Chairman Erlandsen said he doesn't want to take responsibility for something that isn't the water department's and now have responsibility because we did work on it. He asked if it was an imminent situation. Superintendent Veracka stated he looked at it when he was doing samples and there was water leaking through but it didn't appear to be ready to break. Commissioner Kostka recommended Superintendent Veracka find out who is responsible for the dam and he is offering the water department's assistance to help fix it if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -REQUEST FOR REVIEW RE: 195 SUMMER ST, VARIANCE - SINGLE FAMILY TO TWO FAMILY FOR RENTAL

Superintendent Veracka presented a plan for the ZBA. The ZBA was requesting comments from various boards. This plan involves a single family home converting into a two family for rental purposes. Vice Chairman Erlandsen asked if the moratorium on water connections would affect this proposal. Commissioner Kostka said our moratorium is only on large developments. Ms. Smith responded, that the moratorium is on all new service connections and extensions. Superintendent Veracka said in the past, with similar projects, a second service would have to be purchased. Ms. Smith asked if these were going to be condominiums. Vice Chairman Erlandsen read from the application and stated it

specifically states converting a single family to a two family for rental. Superintendent Veracka stated he wanted to review our rules and regulations to see how the wording exists. Commissioner Kostka suggested waiting until that review is done and tabling this until our next meeting. Ms. Smith said the ZBA is requesting comments by this Thursday, June 22nd. Discussion continued regarding different situations in town with condominiums and separate services and how some properties may be "grandfathered" from the requirement of separate units and separate meters. Vice Chairman Erlandsen stated if it's only a rental, then the owner receives the bill and splits it up as he sees fit. Commissioner Kostka stated there is a shortage of housing and if this is going to help increase housing, he has no problem with it. However, he added that if there were going to be separate condo units, he would feel a separate service would be warranted. Vice Chairman Erlandsen stated he had no objections provided there will be no additional water service due to the moratorium, and that it would not be turned into condominiums in the future. Discussion continued regarding both stipulations. Commissioner Kostka suggested sending comments to the ZBA stating the Board has no opposition to this project provided there will be no additional water service, it does not violate any Town by-laws and that it would not be turned into condominiums in the future. Vice Chairman Erlandsen agreed with Commissioner Kostka's suggestion.

Vice Chairman Erlandsen referenced the Thorndike presentation that has been rescheduled from this evening at the Board of Selectmen's meeting to July 20, 2023.

Commissioner Kostka asked Ms. Smith if she had anything to share with the Board. She stated she was on vacation last week, so she's a bit behind on the shut-off program, but currently there are four groups that have been notified. She said she would get another two groups out this week.

Regarding the first appointment for this meeting, Ms Smith said she wasn't sure where Brenna was and how long the Board wanted to wait. Commissioner Kostka said they wouldn't be able to wait long considering the appointment was at 3:30 and it's almost 4pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

WATER CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAST MEETING:

NONE

BUSINESS OF WATER QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE:

NONE

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

JULY 11, 2023 AT 4PM

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION:

Commissioner Kostka made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Erlandsen seconded and it was voted unanimously (2-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

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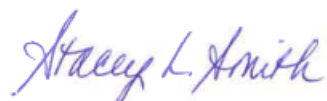
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Respectfully submitted,



Stacey L. Smith
Clerk