



TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
OPEN SESSION
WATER DEPT OFFICE - 22 ELM ST, MICHAEL J.
MACPHERSON MEETING ROOM & VIA ZOOM
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

4:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard W. Loring Jr called the meeting to order at 4:10pm. The meeting started a few minutes late due to some technical issues with the ZOOM application.

In attendance were Vice Chairman Robert Erlandsen, Commissioner Robert Kostka and Clerk Stacey Smith. Attending via ZOOM were Kristen Berger of Resilient CE and resident Mark Guidoboni.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT BILL SCHEDULES:

MEETING MINUTES:

VOTE TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2024 AND AUGUST 13, 2024

Commissioner Kostka made the motion to approve the minutes of July 30 and August 13, 2024. Vice Chairman Erlandsen seconded the motion, and it was voted on unanimously (3-0-0).

APPOINTMENTS:

KRISTEN BERGER, RESILIENT CE RE: ENGINEERING UPDATES

MAIN STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT UPDATES

Chairman Loring stated Superintendent Veracka is onsite at a leak on Crescent and Main Street and is not here with us at the moment.

Ms. Berger stated all the 12-inch diameter water main has been installed. This 12-inch main is now connected to the previously terminated 12-in main in the area of the off-ramp at Route 3. That involved extending the water main by approximately 20 feet south. This was due to a leak. However, this forced the replacement of the existing 6-inch main which was encased in controlled density fill and numerous fittings and valves. One of those fittings was the source of that leak. It was fortunate this was discovered before it became a bigger issue. The 6-inch main was replaced, and the crews found the terminated 12' main that previously had not been located. Now there is a continuous 12' main to the Jones River. Water services have been installed south of the Jones River and connected to the 12-inch main. Ms. Berger stated the contractor will rechlorinate on the north side of the river. Once the results come back good, the contractor can tie in the services of 175 to 200 Main St on the north connection. They can then work on the connection at Landing Road and then connect the new 12' main to the existing water main near 200 Main Street.

Ms. Berger went on to say the finished paving will be done after the required settling. She stated this recent work experienced a bit more traffic and there were some adjustments made to the work hours to accommodate school hours with drop off and pick up times. The other challenging time was the work at the off-ramp due to the leak. She added it was another traffic impact day, but it was an emergency with an active leak and needed to be done. She said the police details continue to be filled as requested. The next task will be to discuss a final paving plan in the spring.

Police detail and flagging costs are staying within budget and the contingency remains sufficient for the remaining work.

Chairman Loring stated it sounds like the project is moving forward well, everything considered, and he's happy the leak in the area of Cancun was found. Ms. Berger stated the town officials and Mass DOT worked with the holiday schedule and expedited a traffic plan. Vice Chairman Erlandsen asked if the final paving can be done now or later? Ms. Berger stated discussion needs to be done, it's possible but unlikely with time deadlines. Commissioner Kostka asked when the

final paving would take place, if not in 2024. Ms. Berger responded, probably mid-April. Chairman Loring stated it's really governed by Mass DOT.

RFQ UPDATE - TRACKLE POND WELL CLEANING

Ms. Berger stated the bid is advertised, and the documents became available as of last Wednesday for contractors. The bids are due September 19, 2024.

RFP UPDATE - NEW WELL

Ms. Berger stated she has spoken with Town Administrator Keith Hickey. He is working on the RFQ for design services. She stated he was looking for the word document of the RFQ. Ms. Berger stated she didn't have it and that the previous Asst Town Administrator, Gloria Mitchell, had sent it to her so it has to be on a computer somewhere up in the Town Administrator's Office. Ms. Berger stated she can follow up with Mr. Hickey if the Board would like. Chairman Loring stated, yes please. He responds well to your inquiries. Ms. Berger stated she would do so.

UAW (UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER) COMPLIANCE PLAN; AUDIT TO FOLLOW

Ms. Berger stated Mass DEP wants to see an AWWA M36 Water Audit done as part of the compliance plan. This can be done through a grant or done by the town's own consultant. The grant program information has not been released yet; so we can revisit it once Mass DEP issues interest in the grant program. She stated they would use a similar Excel-based database that she would use. She recommends going through Mass DEP so that they are involved.

Superintendent Veracka entered the meeting at 4:25pm.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

PUMP OPERATOR POSITION - DISCUSSION ABOUT CHANGE TO WATER REPAIRMAN DUE TO NO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

Superintendent Veracka stated today there was a significant leak discovered today by the gas company. It was a tapping sleeve gate installed back in the 70s. The seals on the sleeve let go. They were able to cut out the sleeve and gate and replace. The crew is finished with the repair and starting the backfill the area now.

Regarding the pump operator position, we received two applications for the position; however, the applicants either have wastewater licenses or no water licenses at all. Discussion continued regarding advertising the position of a water repairman since no licensed applicants have applied. Commissioner Kostka made the motion to advertise the position as a water repairman. Vice Chairman Erlandsen seconded the motion, and it was voted on unanimously (3-0-0).

GRASSY HOLE/I-86 TREATMENT PLANT DEHUMIDIFIER UPDATE

Superintendent Veracka stated he has been working with North Star Refrigeration on the dehumidifier. Desert Aire, the manufacturer, is claiming they have a 3-week lag time. As this is a warranty item we have no choice but to wait.

LEAK DETECTION UPDATE

Regarding leak detection, the contractor, Randy Troup, found a significant leak on a homeowner on the south end of town. He stated there are areas of concern which he will revisit when traffic is lessened. He's been focused on the south end of town where we have had several issues.

ROOF REPLACEMENT UPDATE - WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 22 ELM ST

Scott Sirois of Sirois Roofing was here today to finalize what he needs for staging. A dumpster will be dropped off by the end of the day on Wednesday. The job will commence Thursday through Saturday. Chairman Loring said the weather looks good for this work.

NEW BUSINESS:

***AMENDED - ADDED 9/9/24

LETTER DATED JULY 30, 2024 (RECEIVED BY KWD 9/6/24) FROM THE OWNER OF 2 SUNSET RD REQUESTING ABATEMENT OF THE JUNE 2024 WATER BILL DUE TO A FAULTY WATER CONTROL MECHANISM IN THE TOILET.

Ms. Smith presented an appeal for abatement from the resident at 2 Sunset road. After review and discussion, Vice

Chairman Erlandsen made the motion to charge the total gallons (98K) by the lowest tiered rate (3.00 per thousand). Commissioner Kostka seconded the motion and it was voted on unanimously (3-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

WATER CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAST MEETING:

MEMO DATED AUGUST 14, 2024 TO ZBA CHAIRMAN, PAUL DAHLEN RE: PRIOLO WAPPING TRUST - COMMUNITY LEACH FIELD CONCERNS AND EARTH REMOVAL WITHIN THE WATER TABLE

MEMO DATED AUGUST 19, 2024 TO VALERIE MASSARD, TOWN PLANNER RE: JACK BREEN, 195 SUMMER ST, MAP 13, LOT 18 - ADU CONDITIONS IN RELATION TO WATER SERVICE

MEMO DATED AUGUST 19, 2024 TO VALERIE MASSARD, TOWN PLANNER RE: ANR, STATION STREET, MAP 8, LOT 108-1 REFERENCING THE WATER MORATORIUM AND REQUESTS THE DEVELOPER FOLLOW ALL KWD RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO CONSTRUCTION.

BUSINESS OF WATER QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE:

NONE

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 4PM

Ms. Smith stated she would not be there for the next meeting on the 24th. She stated, obviously the meeting can be held without her. She just wanted the Board to be aware. She will be away from September 19-30.

Chairman Loring asked if the Board wanted to alter the schedule or continue with the 24th. Vice Chairman Erlandsen suggested holding the meeting on the 24th.

The next meeting will be September 24, 2024 at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION:

Vice Chairman Erlandsen made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kostka seconded the motion, and it was voted on unanimously (3-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

ZOOM INFORMATION

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Respectfully submitted,

Stacey L. Smith

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Clerk