



**TOWN OF MEDWAY**  
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**WATER SEWER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

In attendance

Michael Callahan, Advisory Member  
Leo O'Rourke, Advisory Member  
Steve Burke, Advisory Member  
Peter Pelletier, DPW Director  
Sean Harrington, DPW Deputy Director  
Barry Smith, Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Jill Karakeian, DPW Program Admin. and Recording Secretary

**Member Callahan called the Water & Sewer Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:05 pm**

**Consideration of Past Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were tabled for additional review.

**Abatement Requests**

15 Florence Circle

Customer has water & sewer. 13,500 gallons equal 1,805 cf. Breakdown of possible abatement from the sewer cost is as follows: 500cf - \$38.19 (minimum), 1,305cf - \$99.70 (\$7.64 Tier 1) = \$137.89 total possible abatement from the sewer charges.

**Member Callahan motions to approve the abatement of \$137.89, Member O'Rourke seconds. The motion carries unanimously.**

8 Goldenrod Drive

Customer has water & sewer. On 7/13/21 I ran several sections of house 100 ft. plus to our shed to wash it down in preparation for contractors to paint the shed. I used water for 3-4 hours until approximately 3:30PM. Because of the length of the hose run I wasn't aware of water coming out of the hose end and forgot to turn the water off. On Monday after work at approximately 5:00PM I went back to the shed to finish the prep work at which time I realized my mental mistake. The hose end was located in the middle back of the yard and was absorbed by the ground. The owner is seeking relief from the sewer portion of the bill. Total possible abatement from sewer portion is the minimum of \$38.19

**Member O'Rourke motions to approve the abatement of \$38.19, Member Callahan seconds. The motion carries unanimously.**

### **Other Business**

Member O'Rourke asked Superintendent Smith if he could get together estimated on what we expect for income from the new developments in town.

Superintendent Smith will look into getting a number together.

Superintendent Smith questioned now that AquaHawk is up and running, we had talked about no more Abatements.

Member Callahan agrees with no more abatements.

Member O'Rourke feels that if it is a drastic leak, and it should be on a case by case basis.

Member Callahan agrees and it should be only under extenuating circumstances.

### **Review of Water/Sewer Regulations**

Superintendent Smith explains that the Committee needs to agree to have the Updated Water/Sewer Regulations be presented to the Select Board for approval. Appendix A has been added to the regulations. Klienfelder helped with the Sewer portion of the regulations and updated on the I&I and how connections are made. Some miscellaneous items with the Water end, but all in all that was all set. Sewer drawings got revised with regards to connections.

**Member Callahan motions to approve the revised Water/Sewer Regulations as presented, Member O'Rourke seconds. The motion carries unanimously.**

### **Water Treatment Plant Discussion**

Director Pelletier explains that there was a meeting with Wright-Pierce and Environmental Partners today and they are submitting the 50% Design Plans to DEP, the Town and Environmental Partners on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> for review. The plans are going to the Cost Estimator on Friday, that may take 2 to 3 weeks.

Member O'Rourke asked if there were any preliminary numbers including contingencies.

Director Pelletier says that we are right around \$21 million including contingencies.

Member O'Rourke feels that currently the Town is in a good position and in compliance and we do not have to do this facility right now.

Director Pelletier explains that the current design has the spaces for added PFAS equipment in the future. That added space is about \$2 million, when you add the equipment that is about \$2 million as well. Right now we are not putting the equipment in, we are making space for it. If it's not PFAS down the road it will be something else. If we wait it will cost a lot more money to make space for what treatment will be required.

Member Callahan confirms that the entire Design crew for this facility certainly seem to know what they are doing. This is what they do and these are the types of buildings they build on a regular basis.

Member O'Rourke questioned the dumping of the waste of the facility.

Superintendent Smith explains that it's been discussed at length with CRPCD and that it will be sent through the system without any problems as far as they are concerned.

### **I&I Update**

Superintendent Smith met with Inland Waters a couple week ago and they will have a couple crews coming in and doing 12 laterals and a few manholes that need some work.

Member O'Rourke asked if we were close to our 10%.

Superintendent Smith explains that we were doing really good but with a few rain storms that set us back. Inland Waters will be back and work with us to see if we can track anything down.

### **Director's Report**

Director Pelletier explains that we are working on the Water Treatment Facility. We are also looking on updating on how we do our billing to make the process easier. We are starting up the Asset Management Grant that we were awarded from the State. We are meeting with the Engineer next week.

Member Callahan asked what the money is slated for.

Director Pelletier we are doing the south end of town, we will GPS all valves, hydrants, and replace things before they become a problem.

Member O'Rourke asked how much the grant was.

Director Pelletier explains that the grant is for \$125,000. The Town will put in \$25,000, \$75,000 is the Grant and \$25,000 for intern services.

### **Other Business**

Member Burke asked about AquaHawk.

J. Karakeian explains that people continue to sign-up and the office continues to tell residents about the program and urge them to register.

**The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.**

**Member Burke made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm, Member O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.**