



**TOWN OF MEDWAY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS 02053**

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Medway Middle School
45 Holliston Street, Door # 9
Medway MA 02053

In attendance: Michael Callahan, Chairperson
Leo O'Rourke, Commissioner
Steven Burke, Commissioner

Also in attendance: Peter Pelletier, Susan Segarra, Fin Com Liaison and Judi LaPan Program Administrator and Recording Secretary

Chairman Callahan called the Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.

Commissioner O'Rourke made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/20/19 meeting. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Abatement Requests

2 Quail Drive

This abatement request was denied at the 10/24/19 meeting. The applicant appealed the denial and it was taken under advisement for further discussion at the 11/20/19 meeting. Below is the synopsis from the meeting where the request was denied: This property was a bank foreclosure that sat vacant for over a year. The applicant purchased the property in April 2019. They were power washing to remove a large buildup of mold and moss on the exterior of the house and deck. They provided proof that they brought in over 100 yards of loam to re-grade the property and watered extensively in order to establish a new lawn and plantings. They are not disputing the water usage. As the property was vacant during renovations, they are requesting a sewer abatement as they feel the majority of the water used did not enter the sewer system. They used 4,984cf of water and were billed \$513.94 for sewer. Assuming that 500cf or less entered the sewer system due to indoor usage, the sewer minimum fee of \$38.19 would be charged for a total of \$475.75 that could be abated.

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Commissioner Burke made a motion to abate \$300.00 in sewer charges as the water did not enter the sewer system. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

16 Wellington Street

This is a water and sewer account. It appears they had a leak between 09/09/19-10/25/19. The leak was found using leak reporting software on 10/05/19. The homeowners were notified and had already scheduled to have their hot water tank replaced, which they stated was leaking. It appears they also had a leaking toilet that was repaired toward the end of October. Based on their average consumption of similar cycles it appears that the leak represents 1,5256cf of water. If an abatement were granted the breakdown for the increased usage from the leak is as follows: water 1,334cf @ \$10.92(tier 2) =145.67 + 221cf@ \$14.11(tier 3) = \$31.18 = \$176.85. The breakdown for sewer is 1,334cf @ \$8.73(tier 2) =116.46 + 221cf@ \$11.65(tier 3) = \$25.75= \$142.21.

Commissioner Callahan made a motion to abate \$75.00 in water charges and \$75.00 in sewer charges. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Water & Sewer Regulation Discussion:

The Water & Sewer Regulations were updated to change all language that said DPS or Department of Public Services to DPW or Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Callahan made a motion to approve the changes. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Directors Report:

- Deputy Director Pelletier updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Populatic Well. The casing is currently being installed. He also discussed the fact that the EPA guidelines for PFA's are changing. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other chemicals. PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe, including in the United States since the 1940s. PFOA and PFOS have been the most extensively produced and studied of these chemicals. Both chemicals are persistent in the environment and in the human body – meaning they don't break down and they can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects. Commissioner O'Rourke asks if we will need to publish the PFA's in our Water Quality Report going forward. Until the EPA make a determination on what acceptable levels are we do not need to publish the results.

Commissioner Callahan informed the others that he recently met with the CRPCD Commissioners. Medway is currently over our allowed sewer capacity. We are currently at 107%. We have installed meters and are collecting data to assess flows and determine where the towns I & I issues are. The CRPCD Commissioners discussed that there appears to be a district wide issue regarding sewer connections. It appears that the Planning Boards and Zoning Board of Appeals are approving new connections when approving plans without any prior discussion with the CRPCD regarding the districts capacity. The CRPCD Commissioners will be addressing the concern with serviced communities. The CRPCD Commissioners has discussed that future permitting may state that I & I concerns will need to be addressed before any further hookups are allowed.

Action Items:

Commissioner O'Rourke would like to see updated numbers as to how many water & sewer customers there are, both residential and commercial. He would like this information sent to all the Commissioners.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:30PM.

Commissioner Callahan made a motion to adjourn at 7:20PM. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.