



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Leo O'Rourke, Chair
Francis E. (Ted) Kenney Jr.,
Member
Barry Zide, Member

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 03/19/18

March 5, 2018
DPS Conference Room
45B Holliston Street
Medway MA 02053

In attendance: DPS Director Dave D'Amico, DPS Deputy Director Barry Smith, Commissioner Ted Kenney, Commissioner Leo O'Rourke, Commissioner Barry Zide, Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Lanctot and Program Administrator and Recording Secretary Judi LaPan.

Chairman O'Rourke called the Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Kenney makes a motion to approve the minutes from the 01/22/18 meeting. Commissioner Zide seconded the motion. Unanimous

Commissioner Zide makes a motion to approve the minutes with edits from the 02/05/18 meeting. Commissioner Kenney seconded the motion. Unanimous

Commissioner Zide makes a motion to approve the minutes with edits from the 02/20/18 meeting. Commissioner Kenney seconded the motion. Unanimous

Abatement Request – Michelle Dwyer – 19 Causeway Street

This is a water only account. The owner is requesting an abatement for high consumption. While researching the August bill run the Program Administrator noticed high consumption and left a voice message at the home indicating the Program Administrator felt they had a leak. Mrs. Dwyer called the office and she was given suggestions to look at toilets, faucets and outside hoses as something was pulling water through the meter. They could not find an interior leak but they did replace the hardware in toilets and replaced a few older faucets in case they were causing the problem. It was not relayed that they were using an irrigation system. They then received the November bill which was also extremely high. Mrs. Dwyer then applied for an abatement. While researching the account the Program Administrator was able to look at the hourly readings and determined that the constant usage had stopped. (Please see the email chain with Mrs. Dwyer which is in with the Abatement Request). The

Program Administrator asked if they had been watering or filling a pool and Mrs. Dwyer explained they had replanted all new grass in their yard. At that point the Program Administrator became aware that they had been using their irrigation system for the new lawn. The irrigation system was closed for the season and the constant usage stopped at that time. This was tabled at the last meeting to allow the Program Administrator to put together usage numbers for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioner Zide makes a motion to provide relief in the amount of \$365.23, equivalent to the two week exception allowed to establish newly planted grass. The owners are responsible for the balance. Commissioner Kenney seconds the motion. Unanimous.

The Commissioners continued their discussion from last month regarding Water & Sewer Fees. Commissioner Kenney would like the minutes to reflect how many communities were researched by Deputy Director Smith and how this information will help the Commissioners make decisions regarding their decision to increase Medway's fees. The fees in the communities of Franklin, Holliston, Milford, Millis, Upton and Uxbridge were reviewed. The Commissioners agree that the Water & Sewer Entrance Fees in Medway should be increased. The Commissioners proposed the following increases: Water Entrance Fees of \$2,500 (1" or less), \$3,500(greater than 1") and a **New** Sewer Entrance Fee of \$4000.

The Commissioners continued their review and discussion of the Water System Sustainability slide presentation presented by Commissioner Zide. Edits from last meeting have been made. The question was raised regarding the disparity between the Haley & Ward and Kleinfelder data. The Commissioners agree that both reports summarized are a good representation of the data. Commissioner Zide will adjust the slides to reflect this. Discussions will continue at future meetings as the Commissioners continue to add details allowing them to make the most accurate and informed decisions.

Directors Report:

Jim Lanctot, the Water & Sewer Superintendent informed the Commissioners that recent sampling data indicated an increase in 1,4- Dioxane over the previous sampling period at the Oakland Well. 1,4- Dioxane is a volatile organic compound (VOC) contaminant which can be detected in sampling of ground water. Due to the increased level, we will now need to sample for 1,4- Dioxane on a quarterly basis, per DEP.

Deputy Director Smith informed the Commissioners that the Oakland well will be cleaned starting next month, He also informed the Commissioners that Sensus has finally made the data we have been requesting for AquaHawk available.

Open Discussion: None

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2018 at 5PM. The meeting will be held in the DPS Conference Room, 45B Holliston Street, Door 9, Medway, MA. There are also meeting scheduled for April 9, 2018, April 23, 2018, May7, 2018 and May 21, 2018.

Commissioner Zide made a motion to adjourn at 6:45PM. Commissioner O'Rourke seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi LaPan