

Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Water and Sewer Commissioners meeting. Present: Jay Spahl, Fred Bazinet, Scott Zajkowski, Tom Fournier, Scott Piekarczyk, Lori Smith

Jay called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. First item on the agenda was the acceptance of the Nov. 7, 2018 minutes. Scott Z. made a motion to accept the Nov. 7, 2018 minutes as written, Scott P. seconded, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Jesse Road Proposed Sub-division: Joe Abesambra of Ranger Engineering came before the board representing the client, Four Lots Realty Trust, to address the board's concern that there may be some smell coming from the sewer pipes for this development. Ben Osgood of Ranger Engineering has submitted a letter to the board explaining how the system will work and confirming that there will be no smell coming from it. Joe explained that due to the sizing of the pipes and the e-1 pipes will keep the sewage circulating on average 2.8 times a day, which will prevent any smell. Joe also stated that each pump is capable of pushing the sewage through the pipes to keep it circulating. Changes were made to the plan, as the board requested, to connect to Alton Drive instead of Mason Road. There will be cleanout manholes at the cul de sac and where the road meets Jesse Rd. They have also installed stubs for any undeveloped property for future homes. The board stated that they want four hydrants instead of the three currently showing on the plan. Scott P. also noted that the pipes must be run to the end of the property lines in accordance with our regulations. Jay informed Joe that the board will also be requiring them to purchase two additional pumps which are to be left with the Sewer Dept. to be used for an emergency in this development. Mike discussed the concerns that Tighe & Bond had identified on the plans submitted which must be addressed. Joe said that he believes they already had a copy of this report and made these revisions. Scott P. made a motion to accept the plans for water for Four Lots Realty Trust development on Jesse Road contingent upon the items discussed tonight are fulfilled and the Superintendent can ensure that these additional requirements are met and also that any additional monies that should be made are received, Scott Z. seconded, all in favor, passed unanimously. Tom made a motion to grant permission for Four Lots Realty Trust development on Jesse Road to tie into town sewer according to the proposed specs and in accordance with the sewer regulations, Scott Z. seconded, all in favor, unanimously passed. The permits are good for a period of one year from this date. Scott P. stated that as we had not previously approved the sewer connections, that they should be bound to pay the \$350.00 permit fee per lot within five days. The board will sign the approval of the special permit and Lori will mail it out to Ranger Engineering.

Mike presented the Monthly Sewer report for November 2018. He had met with Bob LaVigne of Nichols College who agreed to pay for two cleanings per year for the Tanyard Road pump station. The contractor will bill Nichols directly. Mike will take care of the pumping schedule and will need to sign off on the hours they were there for Nichols. He mentioned to the board that he is having problems with the pump on Conant Ave. The pump is a NASH pump that was purchased in 1978. This pump is obsolete and you can no longer get parts for it with the exception of gaskets. Mike found a comparable new pump, that they can purchase for \$2,550.05 from Olson Pump in Boston. The only additional cost would be the mechanical part, ie. the plumbing to configure to the size of the pump. Scott Z. made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pump for Conant Ave. pump station at a price of \$2,550.05 to come out of Capital, Tom seconded, all in favor, unanimously passed. Mike stated that he feels we should hold off on purchasing the camera as there are more important things which we need, such as

generators. Mike had thought that there was money in an account for the generators but there is not. He spoke with Greg and was told to write him a letter explaining what is needed and he will take care of writing an article for the Town Meeting to make the change from purchasing a camera to purchasing a generator. Mike will check into the cost of a 3-phase generator station which runs on a gas line.

31 Tanyard Road – Robert Howe came before the board to discuss the fine of \$900.00 he received for illegally connecting a storm drain to the town sewer. He stated that he had just purchased the house in August from a bank and that the sump pump was already connected. When a Water Dept. technician came to repair the meter, this illegal connection was observed and the contractor who was working there was notified. The Water Dept. came on two additional occasions and observed that the pump was still there. Mr. Howe stated that when his contractor was first told about it, he took the pump out of the hole and had it laying on it's side but it was disconnected. He didn't have the materials to seal the pipe at that time. Mr. Howe maintains that this was the case on the second and third visits and that the pipe had since been sealed. He is requesting that the board waive the fine as he was unaware of this regulation and thought that he had complied at first contact. The electricity and water for the house has only been turned on for the last month and a half as it took 22 months to purchase this from the bank. Scott Z. made a motion to waive the \$900.00 fine for 31 Tanyard Road property contingent upon verifying that the pipe is sealed and capped, Fred seconded, all in favor and passed unanimously. Mike arranged with Mr. Howe to go out there and reinspect tomorrow at 10:00.

Lots 19 & 20 Packard Drive- Andre Asselin: This item was tabled as Mr. Asselin was not present.

121 West Main St. – Mayzer Hughes: This item was tabled as Mr. Hughes was not present.

Proposed Changes to Fees/Regulations: The board discussed proposed changes to the tampering policy and also increasing the cut and cap fee for the Water Dept. Scott Z. made a motion to approve increasing the water cut and cap fee to \$1000.00 and also to revise the meter tampering regulation to a \$1,000.00 fine for the first offense and the calculation of average use for period of time unmetered; \$2,500.00 fine and the calculation of average use for the period of time unmetered, installation of tamper proof meter at owners' expense and yearly inspection by Water Dept. thereafter and referral to police/court for criminal charges; and \$5000.00 for third and subsequent Offenses and calculation of average use for period of time unmetered, plus monthly physical reads at homeowners' expense if not able to be done during the regular business hours, and referral to police/court for criminal charges, contingent upon review by Town Counsel, Tom seconded, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Monthly Water Report: George presented monthly water report he submitted for November. Included in this report is that the flushing program is almost complete, annual backflow prevention inspections have been made, annual meter calibration for stations is completed, Luke had passed his T1 and he installed a new Madden Chemical Feed Pump in Station #3. He is coordinating with Don from LeFleur Electric regarding the communication upgrades. He met with Don Johnson, the Town Planner in regards to a possible block grant through CMRP which may be able to give us some monies towards the I & I or possibly assist with the Mason Road project down the line if we combine water and sewer together. George stated that the well pump for Station #3 is vibrating and he called the contractor who has worked on our well pumps. He told George that the pump and shaft needs to be regenerated. He said that back in 2014 the well collapsed and they came up with a temporary fix to sleeve the pipe. George asked the board to vote on approving the funds of up to \$15,000.00 to repair pump station #3 by reshafing it and putting in a temporary pump while our pump is being repaired as it is an emergency.

He stated that there is money available in Capital for this. George said that eventually the board would need to consider a long-term solution as this is one of our main stations and we can't afford to be without it. It would cost around 30,000 for a test well, possibly in the immediate area to the current well and approximately 100,000. To 150,00 to drill a new well. It would require engineering and need DEP approval. If it could be drilled next to the existing well, we could possibly use the same plumbing and reduce the costs associated with it. Tom made a motion to spend up to \$15,000. for the emergency repair to station #3, Scott Z. seconded, Jay amended the motion to include notifying the Town Administrator of this situation, Tom seconded the amended motion, all in favor, passed unanimously.

DPW Update: We have not heard any updates as of today. Selectmen's Office said that the study should be completed by the end of December.

I & I Study: Marina of Tighe & Bond had emailed a contract for the board to sign authorizing phase II of the I & I Study. The warrant article was already submitted and approved for the cost of phase II. The board signed the contract and Lori will email it to Marina.

Utility Cloud: We received a quote of 1,050.00 for Utility Cloud to revamp our paperwork to comply with the new DEP Regulations. Brian was able to get this price reduced to \$600.00. Scott Z. made a motion to approve the \$600.00 for Utility Cloud to revamp our forms to be in compliance with the new DEP regulations, Tom seconded, all in favor. Passed unanimously.

Scott Z. made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm., Tom Seconded, all in favor. Passed unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm.