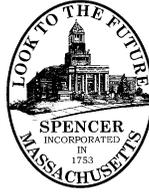


**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**OFFICE OF THE**  
**SEWER COMMISSION**

FRANICS X. WHITE, CHAIRMAN  
LAWRENCE H. DUFAULT, CLERK  
MICHAEL J. MERCADANTE, MEMBER

MARK R. ROBIDOUX, SUPERINTENDENT



3 OLD MEADOW ROAD  
SPENCER, MA 01562  
TEL. 508-885-7541  
TTY 508-885-7525  
PLANT 508-885-7542

**Minutes of Meeting held October 9, 2012**

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Road, Spencer, MA.

Members present: Francis "Frank" X. White  
Lawrence "Larry" H. Dufault  
Michael "Mike" J. Mercadante

Sewer staff present: Mark Robidoux, Supt  
Debra Graves, Sr. Clerk

Others: Misty Hill Condo Group

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM.

1. Read and accepted minutes for August 21 and September 11, 2012.
2. Signed monthly commitment for septage fees.
3. Sign quarterly commitment for Sewer bills.
4. Superintendent Mark Robidoux Reports:
  - Monthly Monitoring Report
  - Monthly Operations Report(Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)
5. The Sewer Commissioners appointed Jim LaPlante to a permanent position with the Town of Spencer Sewer Department.
6. Misty Hill: Misty Hill Condo Group in to discuss their sewer line. They do not want Bixby Trail Estates connecting into their existing sewer line. Four options to consider for the Bixby Trail Estates project are:
  - 1) Install backflow valves for each condominium building sewer connection and allow a connection to existing line.
  - 2) Give an easement in front of Misty Hill Condominiums to construct a new sewer to Bixby Road.
  - 3) Give an easement behind Misty Hill Condominiums to construct a new sewer to a downstream manhole.
  - 4) Bixby Trail Estates installs a pump station and a new sewer line on their property pumping directly to the Bixby Road main sewer line.

7. Cell Phones: Called to get prices for a new contract from AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon. Verizon and Sprint had similar prices for 4 cell phones \$76.10 per month with 200 shared minutes or \$80.00 per month with 400 shared minutes. The Sewer Commissioners would like to look into reimbursing employees for their personal cell phones.
8. Septage disposal fees: Slim's brought in \$79,620 in 2011-2012. Would like to decrease the minimum gallons to 500 instead of 1,000 to try to bring Slim's back. The sewer commissioners would like Mark to speak to Slim's to see if this would bring them back.
9. Septage: Would like to install a pipe near the grit and screenings loading dock for septage receiving. Coring a hole into the building wall would cost around \$675.00. Trucks would connect outside using quick connect fittings and a flexible hose.
10. Budget Capital Planning: Nov 1, 2012 is the fall town meeting. Sewer has an article to borrow \$200,000 for the clarifier and to enter into a five year sludge disposal contract. Retained earnings would not be used at this time.
11. Manhole: Roots in manhole on Sumner Street. Mark would like Duke's Root Control to come in and apply chemicals on the roots. It will take about 6 months for the chemical to work. Cost would be around \$1,600. The Sewer Commissioners agreed to have Duke's Root Control to take care of this.
12. Wright-Pierce will be going out to bid sometime in February or March of 2013 for the Sewer Systems Upgrades.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 PM, motion by Mike, seconded by Larry, and in favor, Frank.