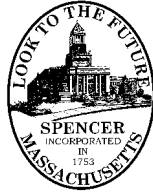


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Minutes of Meeting held April 12, 2017

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Road, Spencer, MA. Documents are on file at the Utilities and Facilities Office.

Members present: Francis "Frank" White
Lawrence "Larry" Dufault

Sewer staff present: James Laplante, Jr., Supt.
Debra Graves, Sr. Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

Read and accepted Minutes for March 22, 2017.

Signed monthly commitment for septage fees

Signed quarterly commitment

Superintendent James Laplante Reports:

- Review Monthly Operations Report
- Review Monthly Monitoring Report
(Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)

Budget & Capital Items:

- Baltazer contract remove & relay pipe after Pleasant Street down past the diner on Main Street. Sewer only wanted to replace sag. Decided to go forward to remove & relay pipe from Pleasant to Main Street.
- Borrowing should be around \$50,000 a year for a 10 year loan. Would like to increase the septage rates for this. Will schedule a public hearing once the Commission has established whether a rate increase is required and a new rate has been voted on and approved.

Union Contract: No information on the Union contract.

Sewer Regulations: regulations review continues.

Resident Concerns:

- 158 Main St: Sewer Commissioners review request for abatement. Larry motion to abate two quarters and \$75.00 of late fees in the amount \$268.80, seconded by Frank, all in favor.
- 259 Main St: Request for abatement by owner. Property was vacant, water pipe broke in basement and water was pump out. Larry motion to charge minimum amount of \$89.40 and abate \$955.70, seconded Frank, all in favor.
- 23 Paxton Rd: New residential home, 5 bedrooms. Connection fee \$2,750 Sewer Bank (I&I) fee \$8,800 = \$11,550. Larry motion to approve connection (5 bedrooms) with contingencies approval of all other Departments, seconded by Frank, all in favor.
- 1 ½ Main St, Apt B: Sewer Commissioners review request for abatement on Sewer bill and late fees. Larry motion to deny abatement, seconded by Frank, all in favor.
- 14 Ash St: Request for abatement by owner. Property is vacant water pipe broke in basement. Larry motion to charge minimum amount \$89.40 and abate \$96.66, seconded by Frank, all in favor.
- 48 Paxton Rd: 2 bedrooms home would like to tie into sewer. Connection fee \$1,100 Sewer Bank (I&I) \$3,520 = \$4,620. Larry motion to approve tie in, seconded by Frank, all in favor

Motion by Larry to move into Executive Session at 5:30pm, seconded by Frank, roll call vote Larry yes, Frank yes.

Following the conclusion of the Executive Session the Chair reopened the meeting in open session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry and seconded by Frank.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The Board voted and approved minutes on 5/10/17