

WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
APRIL 16, 2002
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Dunbar and Robert Moorehouse were present.
Samuel Briguglio was absent.

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Barry Uphold, George Sullivan and
Jean Dinon – clerk.

The meeting was opened at 6:40 p.m.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of March 19, 2002.

Previously signed warrants for \$4,233.91, \$847.58, \$487.43, \$1,886.70, \$4,831.51 and \$1,531.40 totaled \$13,818.53. Previously signed payroll warrants for \$2,880.84, \$2,806.19, \$2,814.77 and \$2,785.70 totaled \$11,287.50.

Commissioners read and noted the following correspondence:

- A. Memo from Erving Marshall, Jr., Acting Chief of Police, dated March 12, 2002 re: Chief William E. May retirement party.
- B. Letter from Gary Shepherd to Paul Rafuse dated March 15, 2002 re: Water line removal.
- C. Letter to Wilson Brothers Heating & A/C from Paul Rafuse dated March 20, 2002 re: Awarded bid for new boiler at Main Street station.
- D. Letters to Mike Sodano Plumbing & Heating and Matley Plumbing & Heating from Paul Rafuse dated March 20, 2002 re: Not awarded bid for new boiler at Main Street station.
- E. Memo from Erving Marshall, Jr., Acting Chief of Police, dated March 21, 2002 re: Photo identification procedure.
- F. Letters to Champion Cleaners, Center Realty Trust, Townsend Farmers Exchange, Inc. and Main Street Realty Trust from Paul Rafuse dated April 2, 2002 re: Non payment for backflow tests performed.
- G. Letters to Johnnie Clark, Sr. and Jonathan Workman from Paul Rafuse dated April 4, 2002 re: Relocation of service to curbstop.
- H. Letters to Patricia Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Chambers and Walter York from Paul Rafuse dated April 5, 2002 re: Relocation of water service.

- I. Letter to Katrina Proctor, Conservation Agent, from Paul Rafuse dated April 12, 2002 re: Nitrate test result for Cross Street pumping station.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul discussed/reviewed the status of the proposed well site at Horseshoe Drive. He saw Jim Craven, and he said that at the end of this year we will have to pay for well there. Paul called Doug DeNatale, Earth Tech, and he said that laws are not as strict as before. Paul has concerns about the quality of the water with the landfill being up the street. Paul will get the most recent results for what's in the water. It would be good for satellite well. Motion made and seconded to send letter to Jim Craven to keep well site at Horseshoe Drive for access road to well.
2. Paul discussed/reviewed the status of proposed well site on Leahy property. When we have a full board, we will get Bob Leahy in for a meeting and make him an offer. It was tabled for a full board.
3. Paul discussed/reviewed that beaver problem at Main Street station is back. The beaver problem started again about one month ago. Paul spoke with Bud Lightfoot, and he said he would waive the set-up fee of \$200.00. Dave Dunbar was going to get another name and number for someone else cheaper. Also, Paul was going to contact the state and see if they would pay for it.
4. Paul reported on notification from Mass. Highway not to include additional request to tie into 10" main on Main Street (Route 119) for South Street bridge. Bids will go out in May and awarded by July. Paul will contact Earth Tech and get design to go across canal.

Paul reported on status on booster station (West Meadow Road). The old generator will be able to handle the bigger pumps if the electricity goes out. Paul will make arrangements with Fire Department as far as the alarms there.

6. Paul reported that new boiler at Main Street station is in and working fine.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paul discussed/reviewed the memo from Acting Police Chief re: Photo identification procedure. Motion made and seconded to add Water Department in paragraph 2. A letter will be sent to him.

2. Paul discussed/reviewed a request to purchase digital camera to replace old "one-step". Motion made and seconded to purchase digital camera to replace old "one-step" camera.
3. Barry Uphold, 11 Squannacook Terrace, would like to make payments for his April bill over six months. Motion made and seconded to have Barry Uphold on payment plan for one year with the April and October billing. The late charge was waived. His payments will be \$22.72 per month except will pay \$22.71 on last two months.
4. Jean reported on March appropriation balance report.
5. Jean reported on Unutil credits on bills.
6. Jean reported on follow-up on Joyce Street bill. The total bill has been paid.
7. Jean reported on faulty meter at 5 Bow Street. Motion made and seconded to abate Tangney, 5 Bow Street for \$180.20 due to faulty register on meter.
8. Motion made, seconded and approved Appl. #587, George Sullivan, 8 Meadow Road, 1" service. Check received for Connection Charge of \$1,000.00.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2002.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. Dinon, Clerk