

Board of Sewer Commissioners
59 East Brookfield Road
North Brookfield, MA 01535

Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2015

Present:

Charles Haddock, Chairman
Donald E. Smith
John Farmer, Clerk
Rodney Jenkins, Sewer Superintendent
Laurie Lapierre-Recording Secretary
Guest-Ed Jarvis Re: 19 Brown Road

The Town of North Brookfield Sewer Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

1. Discuss and accept minutes from May 11, 2015.

Mr. Farmer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Smith seconded The motion; all were in favor, approved.

2. Superintendent Report.

- Two underground storage tanks were cleaned by Helgersons. Cost \$1,200
- Troy Brown, Electrician was in to troubleshoot the chemical feed pumps. The brushes were the issue.
- A message was left for Mr. Fleming requesting a time to inspect his service line.
- There are no major breaks or repairs to report.

3. Review/sign bills, payroll, abatements and commitments.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed off on the following:

- Warrant
- Payroll
- Closing: 24 & 28 Spring Street

4. Update on Superintendent Contract if any.

Tabled

5. Inform Board of main line blockage 5/30.

The property owner of 9 Winter Street reported the blockage stating sewer was coming out of the manhole in the street. We immediately began popping manholes and they were all surcharging until we went in 350' on Ward Street. We had 700' between manholes. Helgerson was the first one called in to attempt to clear the blockage. They were not successful, they only had 425' of hose. G&L out of Boylston was recommended and called in. After a couple of hours of trying they were successful. Mr. Jenkins also noted that the lock and cover that was replaced back several years ago when vandalism had been reported has once again been stolen. It will once again need to be replaced.

6. Discuss FY 16 budget changes if necessary.

Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Jarvis of Ridgemont Properties and owner of 19 Brown Road was in to request an abatement for his property in the amount of \$668.27. The home is vacant and has been winterized. Mrs. Lapierre explained that she does not have a closing for this property and does not know if the lien is satisfied. Mr. Jarvis stated that he would provide all necessary documentation. Also, he would install a water meter to prevent this from happening to the new homeowner in consideration of an abatement for the 2nd half sewer fees. Mr. Jenkins or the Board were not against the idea of an abatement but needed proof of winterization and also proper documentation to verify all liens were satisfied. Mr. Jenkins also noted that all must be done by the end of the fiscal year so that if an abatement is granted it can be removed from the books before they are closed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Lapierre
Recording Secretary