

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

Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

Present:

Donald E. Smith, Vice Chairman
John Farmer, Clerk
Rodney Jenkins, Sewer Superintendent

The Town of North Brookfield Sewer Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

1. Discuss and accept minutes from February 21, 2017 meeting.

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

2. Superintendent Report.

- Spoke with the New Highway Superintendent Mr. Benoit in respect to cleaning up the back lot. Mr. Benoit will be looking into addressing the issue and is in agreement.
- Pumped down the grit chamber, inspected chain and adjusted the tension ½”.
- We had a midnight alarm on Warren Street, the floats were hung up and grease was removed.
- New Braintree Road the windings are gone in the motor. We will pull the pump and replace with the spare one sitting in the garage. The pump will be brought to A.L. Brown for repair.

3. Sign any commitments, abatements, warrants or payroll.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed off on the warrant and payroll.

A one- time abatement was approved for Techo-Bloc in the amount of \$1,265.84.

4. Inform Board of new pending electric contract.

Ms. Lapierre informed the Board that a four year contract will begin in November of 2017 at a rate of .08860 with Constellation. This is down from the current .1059 which in turn should save approximately \$8,000 per year.

5. Update I/I Study.

Mr. Jenkins stated that this has been perfect weather for an I/I study. On March 13th four meters were installed and will be monitored. At the time of installation Our flow was 282,000 gpd. During the rain event we peaked at 1,244,000 gallons and four days later our flow reduced to 643,000.

DEP would like to see 0.2 inches per hour over a span of 6 hours before we can remove meters inside of the 10 weeks.

6. Downey Road Sewer.

When inspecting the manhole, we could not see the invert. Though, the manhole before Mr. Triggs home was fine. Helgerson will be out tomorrow to clean the line.

7. Discuss Congregational Church sewer issue.

The rectory has approx. 5' deep of sewerage coming out of ground heading towards Hannaford's parking lot. It is unclear if this property was ever connected to sewer. Camera work does not show a connection. The rectory will take care of the issue. It appears they will connect gravity with the sewer manhole between Quaboag and Hannafords.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Smith presented for consideration the following:

- Different wording on the sewer bill that he feels would ensure customers could easily calculate their own bills.
- In order to generate revenue, consider enforcing sump pump/illegal connections to the sewer. As stated in the Sewer Use and Regulations, any such connection will be subject to penalty and/or fine.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Lapierre
Recording Secretary

