

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

**Meeting Minutes**  
April 9, 2018

Present: Charles Haddock, Chairman  
Donald E. Smith, Vice Chairman  
John Farmer, Secretary  
Adam Korabowski, Superintendent

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

**1. Discuss and accept minutes from March 21, 2018 meeting.**

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

**2. Techo Bloc in to discuss reading off water meter readings/abatements.**

Eric Emanuel and Leo Egan were in to discuss their abatement that was denied during the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. Emanuel presented the fact that the Highway Dept. had dug a trench to divert water into the Brook prior to their driveway on East Brookfield Road. Mr. Emanuel and Mr. Egan believe that due to the work of the Highway, that water is infiltrating back into their line. Mr. Smith stated and the Commissioners agreed that it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that Infiltration does not seep back into the sewer. Mr. Smith went on to say that this Department per our Rules and Regulations only offer a 1 time abatement which your facility opted to use on 3/30/2017.

Mr. Korabowski presented figures which were more consistent to their regular flow. Mr. Korabowski stated that the meter is read consistently but a good part of the time the meter is off. Mr. Emanuel stated that if things cannot be worked out here, that he would take it to the Board of Selectmen. After much discussion, it was decided that the Superintendent would contact the Highway Department for their thoughts and the Administrative Assistant would contact the Board of Selectmen, to get their take on the situation. In turn, we will notify Techo Bloc of the findings.

**3 Dale and Janice Warren of Warren Farm in to discuss abatement.**

Janice Warren explained that the original abatement for her irrigation system did not take into consideration both billing cycles and that the meter had originally been read incorrectly. A photo copy of the meter was presented. After much discussion, Laurie

Lapierre will calculate a new abatement and forward to the Wentworth's after approval of the Commission.

**4. Superintendent Report.**

- The grit chamber in the headworks was pumped down and cleaned.
- We ordered more UV lights to replace those that were out (1 dozen).
- The inside of our water hydrant rotted out with age. Hydro Tech was called in to repair.
- We have had a few plumbing issues. We had to repair the outside water line and replace the ladies room faucet. The heating system caps on the drain also rotted out. Ken Nye was called in for the repairs.

**5. Discuss bid plans of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.**

Mr. Korabowski presented the plans and winning bidder information. The North Common Street line will be replaced.

**6. Discuss FY 19 Budget.**

Mr. Korabowski noted that the FY 19 budget is still incomplete. The union meeting is tomorrow evening and hopefully it will be finalized.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Smith presented an abatement for 181 North Main Street. After personally speaking with the homeowner regarding a potential leak/meter issue the homeowner is once again requesting an abatement. Mr. Smith reiterated what was in the letter from the homeowner dated March 6, 2018 and also his conversation. After discussion, Mr. Farmer made a motion to approve a one time abatement in the amount of \$2,586.25. Mr. Haddock seconded the motion; all were in favor, approved.

**New Business:**

Mr. Korabowski stated that the spring Town Meeting will be held on May 11, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Lapierre  
Recording Secretary

