

Minutes of Williamsburg Water/Sewer Commission
August 11, 2010

Members of the Water/Sewer Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M. The Chairman called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following were present: Walter Kellogg-Chairman, Ken Taylor-Clerk, James Hyslip, Howard Sanderson, & Brenda Lessard, Secretary.

Public Present: Paul Arselanian, Christopher and Osa Flory

1. Motion made by Jim Hyslip to accept minutes of 7/14/10. Seconded by Ken Taylor. Motion so voted.
2. Motion made by Jim Hyslip to accept warrants of July 28, 2010 and August 11, 2010. Seconded by Ken Taylor. Motion so voted.
3. Walter Kellogg reported that the grant money for the Pepi property came in July 30th. The amount received was \$46638.00. It will be put into the water expense line until 6/30/10 and then will go into the water retained earnings line.
4. Walter Kellogg reported that the forestry grant was accepted and came in directly to Lincoln Fish. The amounts of the grants were \$6516.00 and \$2110.00.
5. Walter Kellogg reported that \$83254.89 had been encumbered from the sewer expense account from FY10 to be used toward the sewer bill from Northampton when it comes. The auditors want that bill to be more timely but the problem is with Northampton.
6. Plans from Tighe & Bond have not been accepted by DEP as of yet. August 31 is the deadline. Walter Kellogg has been in touch with Randy Brown from Tighe & Bond and they are hoping for an extension of that deadline as the deadline is for completion of the work.
7. Residents from Petticoat Hill Road were in to further discuss the possibility of an extension of the sewer line to 84 Petticoat Hill Road. Osa Flory felt there was a miscommunication over getting back to them. She asked how decisions were made to extend the sewer lines. Walter Kellogg stated that the Planning Board wanted more control over extension of the sewer lines as it would help control growth. Osa Flory asked about the decision to extend the sewer up Village Hill Road. Ken Taylor stated that the road was being redone. The possibility of subdivision was brought up by Mrs. Flory with sewer extension being done on Village Hill. She stated that it raises property values when a property has town sewer. Paul Arselanian has to replace his septic. Mrs. Flory asked about the possibility of a betterment tax to raise the funds to extend the sewer lines. Walter Kellogg reported that the town had done a betterment tax when the original sewer lines were done. The money went to the town and the town paid to the sewer commission. Unfortunately the auditors were not happy with that arrangement and that was stopped. Osa Flory asked why the board rejected doing Petticoat Hill sewer extension at this time. Mr. Kellogg stated that we don't have the money for the material and the highway department who would do the work is down an employee due to injury. Christopher Flory noted that all the properties on Petticoat Hill are rocky and all the septic systems will fail the Title 5

inspection when the owners decide to sell. He noted that help is needed for the property owners. Mr. Flory noted that the minutes of 6/16/10 stated they were in three years ago when it was actually in September and October of 2008. Mrs. Flory noted that the town has an obligation to look at all the issues. Not everyone can hook up to town sewer or town water but there may be contamination issues. Mrs. Flory noted that the former health agent allowed the perc tests to pass when they should have failed and now the homeowners are stuck. Mr. Flory feels the board needs more consistent approach in regards to extend the sewer lines. Mr. Taylor also noted that the Selectboard also should be included as the water & sewer commission takes time away from highway projects when they use the highway employees. The water & sewer commission feels they would need to go before the planning board and/or the Selectboard to proceed with discussion regarding Petticoat Hill. Mr. Kellogg stated he needed to talk to Bill Turner who is the highway supervisor, in regards to proceeding and going to the planning board and Selectboard. Ken Taylor noted that the work is a highway department issue not a water and sewer issue. The residents asked if there are plans in the future to extend the sewer lines. It was noted that at present there are none. The Florys were advised to talk to the Selectboard regarding this issue and the commission would discuss this at the next meeting when hopefully Mr. Turner would be in attendance.

8. Ken Taylor reported that Bill Turner has been looking through the Hampshire Council of Governments to see if there were any generators in surplus equipment. He also brought up the possibility of storing it on a trailer at the highway garage. There was discussion about the possibility of needing a containment area regarding a diesel generator. The board will discuss this at the next meeting.
9. The board discussed the Fall Trifecta. Ken, Sam and Bill will be signed up. The trifecta is put on by Mass Rural Water and will be on September 8, 2010 and be held in Northfield.
10. Motion made to adjourn meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Brenda Lessard, Secretary

CLERK: _____