

Minutes of Williamsburg Water/Sewer Commission
June 16, 2010

Members of the Water/Sewer Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M. The Chairman called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following were present: Walter Kellogg-Chairman, William Turner-Vice-Chairman, Howard Sanderson, Ken Taylor-Clerk, & Brenda Lessard, Secretary.

Public Present: Dee Dee & Gary Niswonger, Eric Cerreta, Paul Arselanian, Osa & Christopher Flory & Chuck Edwards.

1. Motion made by William Turner to accept the minutes of 5/19/10. Seconded by Howard Sanderson. So voted.
2. Motion made by William Turner to accept the warrants for 6/9/10 and 6/23/10. Seconded by Ken Taylor. So voted.
3. Mr. & Mrs. Niswonger and Eric Cerreta were in to inquire about the status of abatement on the water portion of their Spring 2010 bill. Abatement for the sewer portion was granted at the previous meeting but the Board had tabled the question of abatement on the water portion of the bill. William Turner had talked to Northampton D.P.W. about the issue and they have an appeals board but they always deny the petitioners. Mr. Turner felt that the Board could abate a portion but only if the readings return to a "normal use". Ken Taylor disagreed. He felt that people had come in for abatements before and they had been denied. William Turner made a motion to abate 50% of the water leak portion of the bill after subtracting the "average use" first. Then add the abated sewer portion. This would put the Niswongers bill at \$1746.51 and the Cerreta bill at \$1523.61. The motion was seconded by Ken Taylor. So voted.
4. Chuck Edwards was in to see the Board. Backflow preventors need to be installed at the Old Town Hall and the Williamsburg Market where water is used to water the gardens that are town owned. Mr. Turner suggested eliminating the General Store and not using their water for watering the gardens. William Turner talked to the Selectboard and the Town is willing to pay 50% of the cost if the Water & Sewer Commission pays the other 50%. William Turner will talk to M.J. Moran about having the work done. Sam Kellogg is still trying to touch base with Sandra Leary of Nash Hill Place about the failure of their test. She is away on vacation.
5. Osa & Christopher Flory and Paul Arselanian were in from Petticoat Hill Road to discuss future sewer tie-ins for Petticoat Hill. Mr. Arselanian's system needs to be done. He has talked to neighbors and they could possibly raise \$50000.00 to run the sewer lines to 84 Petticoat Hill Road. They would be prepaying for the sewer lines. They inquired that if they did that would there be a way to reimburse them when future hook-ups occur. The Board told them there is no mechanism in place to repay them. The Board needs to look into the minutes of the meetings they had with the residents of Petticoat Hill Road, two or three years ago.
6. Sam Kellogg changed the head on the meter @ 1 Village Hill Road but the shutoff is unusable. Brenda will send a letter requesting Mr. Kennedy to get a plumber to fix so a new meter can be installed.
7. Sam Kellogg reported that Overlook @ Northampton had spoken with Tighe & Bond about an extension from DEP regarding the July 1st deadline to repair the tank or at least have a plan in place. The board discussed the possibility of putting in a cross connection at the town line, the expense to do that, and whose responsibility. The Board noted that once the July 1st deadline comes, a letter will be sent to Mike McGrath from DEP. The board will further discuss at the next meeting.
8. Ken Taylor reported that the hydrant at Laurel Road is shut off. There are stones embedded in the seal and the seal needs to be replaced.

9. William Turner reported of his plan to extend sewer to a building lot on Lawton Hill Road. He will need someone to inspect. It will not cost the Water & Sewer Commission anything.
10. William Turner reported that he had done more research on a GPS unit. The cost to buy one like Northampton has would be \$50000.00. He reported that one can be bought for \$8000-\$14000. this includes software and everything except instructor's time & expenses. It would use real time satellite.
11. Motion made by Ken Taylor to adjourn meeting at 9:05 pm. Seconded by William Turner. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Brenda Lessard, Secretary

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