

Minutes of Williamsburg Water/Sewer Commission  
June 15, 2011

Members of the Water/Sewer Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 @ 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 Chair, Kenneth Taylor-Clerk, & Brenda Lessard, Secretary. Absent were Howard Sanderson & James Hyslip.

1. Motion made by Ken Taylor to accept the minutes of May 18, 2011. The motion was seconded by William Turner. The motion was so voted.
2. Motion made by William Turner to accept and sign the water and sewer warrants dated 6/8/11 and 6/22/11. The motion was seconded by Ken Taylor. The motion was so voted.
3. Randy Brown from Tighe & Bond was in to see the board. He reported that he had gone to the pump house to look at the generator. Mice had gotten into the windings of the generator. He noted that the generator cannot be downsized. The same size is needed to do the job. He had gotten some quotes from Kohler and Cummins. The Kohler generator would be too large for the pad and the cost would be \$25000.00. It would be a Pinsley generator. The quote from Cummins which is a Cummins generator would be \$23500.00, and it would fit onto the existing pad. The engineering costs would be \$16700.00 so the board is looking at \$50000-\$60000, to replace the generator with installation, shop drawings, O&M Manuals, and start-up and the generator and the engineering costs. Walter Kellogg noted that this was a much higher than anticipated cost. Mr. Kellogg asked is the new generator would be mouse-proof. Mr. Brown noted that the installation would put rodent deterrent. William Turner asked what we get for the \$8500 design cost. Mr. Brown stated that that would include the cost for two drawings, a demolition plan and a new plan, the electrical connections needed, to prepare the specs, and a meeting with the board to review the spec. He also noted that the bulk of the work would be done by an electrical engineer which is higher in cost. The board decided to discuss this further and the possibility of seeing if some costs could be cut.

Mr. Brown also spoke to the board about the River Road bridge replacement. He had spoken with the engineers on the project. He noted that they should notify all utilities 90 days prior to the beginning of the project.

Mr. Brown noted that since the board's meeting with Ned Huntley in April 2010 that we have not heard from the City of Northampton regarding the new contract. They had sent the contract to their legal counsel. We are still waiting receipt of the contract.

Randy Brown had been up to Overlook @ Northampton and had spoken to them about their redevelopment plans. They plan to build a model home first. This redevelopment will require a 12" main to replace the 6" main on Fort Hill Road is they decide to stay with the town for their water supply. They have been in talks with Northampton to have them to supply the water. They are looking for the most cost effective way.

Finally, Mr. Brown spoke about the City of Northampton's plans to upgrade the sewer treatment plant in Northampton. They are looking at a \$5 million to \$10 million dollar project. We have partial ownership and would be responsible for 3-4% of those costs if that project moves forward.

4. A motion was made by William Turner to encumber the balance of the sewer budget to pay the City of Northampton when we receive the bill. The motion was seconded by Ken Taylor. The motion was so voted.
5. Jim Hyslip went to Northampton to discuss with them their GPS system. They deal with Keystone Instruments from Milford, MA. The city uses a beacon at Smith College to get their updates. They use a Trimble Geo-explorer (GEO6000XH). We would need the Terrasync and Pathfinder software also. They do training at their facility for \$385 a person per day. It was noted that Bill Treadwell from Maine charges \$1200 for the training to be done here plus the cost of hotel and meals.

6. Chuck Edwards will look into a tank at Nash Hill Place and advise us about what needs to be done. Chuck has talked to Bruce Tauscher, the maintenance man.
7. The board received a quote from Pantermill to mow up at the pump house. The cost is \$170/hour plus a \$220 fee to move the equipment. It will take approximately 8-10 hours to mow. William Turner made a motion to have Pantermill come in for a day of land clearing around the pump house on Bisbee Way after July 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Ken Taylor. The motion was so voted.
8. A lock box is needed at the pump house. A motion was made by Ken Taylor to purchase a lock box. The motion was seconded by William Turner. The motion was so voted.
9. Walter Kellogg noted that the brook is plugged behind the Solomon-Gilman property. He believes we own the brook and someone has been dumping landscaping material into the brook. Bill Turner will check the plans.
10. A motion was made by William Turner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ken Taylor. The motion was so voted.

Respectfully submitted:  
Brenda Lessard, Secretary

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