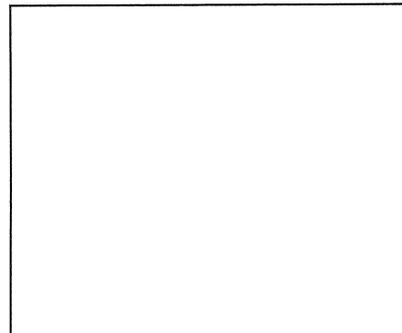


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Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Linda Schick, Sewer Superintendent
Joseph Tremblay, 450 Sconticut Neck Road



I. Call to Order

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 27, 2014 – Executive Session

B. February 24, 2014 – Executive Session

C. March 10, 2014 – Executive Session

D. April 7, 2014 – Executive Session

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014, February 24, 2014, March 10, 2014 and April 7, 2014 executive sessions. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. September 15, 2014

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Joseph Tremblay, 450 Sconticut Neck Road - Re: Driveway Waiver

Mr. Tremblay – I am building a house at 450 Sconticut Neck Road which is near Jerusalem. Originally I applied for one driveway but there is so much traffic up and down that road. I've almost been clipped a

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couple of times. A horseshoe driveway makes more sense. Bikes and runners; I would like another egress.

Mr. Riley – The next lot north of you?

Mr. Tremblay – The way I understand it, Lauren Francis' lot, she is going to try to do a sub-division, bring in a road where that sign is which is quite a ways a way.

Mr. Wotton – Good. Even having the extra parking keeps you off the 4' from the property line.

Mr. Tremblay – Four feet from the telephone pole we own to the hedges. Lauren as you know is north of me where she was taking care of that water problem. She is going more towards Jerusalem.

Ms. Sturtevant – No problem. Safety thing too and there is a curve over there.

Mr. Hobson – I'm all set. Beautiful house in the neighborhood. I'm all for it. It's a danger for him.

Mr. Riley motioned to approve for 450 Sconticut Neck Road a dual opening of 22' each. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Michael Kelleher, Kraft – Re: Generator Maintenance Contract

Mr. Kelleher was not in attendance.

Mr. Furtado – Michael couldn't make it. Linda and I will do the best we can to explain it. Basically, as part of the digester project we have the digester and the generator. When we first went on line with the digester the generator worked fine. Then we had a problem feeding the system. Fast forward, Linda and Steve Rafferty redesigned the pipe in the system to continually feed. Right now we are at the point we can digest but the generator is faulty. It needs \$20,000 worth of repairs. Kraft will pay for the repairs if we enter into the agreement. They are committing that they are going to have run time hours. \$5.02 per hour for run time hours. We need to fix it. So to fix it either pay or don't pay. They will pay for the repair and we will have to pay them \$5.02 per run hour. If the longer it stays on line we can make money on the deal \$50 per day. If they can't get it to run \$300. This contract is entering a service agreement for 9 months. Mainly they will repair the generator and if we allow them to do so and pay them \$5.02 per running hour. Recoup obviously they need to do their due diligence.

Mr. Hobson – I just think that this generator came with the \$9,000,000 plant. The plant hasn't really run right and the generator hasn't really run right. Isn't there a warranty?

Ms. Schick – One year warranty. It expired in 2013.

Mr. Furtado – We accepted it when we approved the substantial completion.

Mr. Ristuccia – If this thing is in operation does it make money or cost us money?

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Ms. Schick – \$56 a day, it costs us \$46 a day to run the boiler.

Mr. Ristuccia – Gas that comes and the generator runs. The generator saves us \$56 a day in electricity?

Ms. Schick – Everything combined.

Mr. Ristuccia – When this thing is running does the gas that the bugs create run the whole generator?

Ms. Schick – It's a blend.

Mr. Ristuccia – How much natural gas?

Ms. Schick – Last year we made \$53 a day.

Mr. Ristuccia – So we make \$20 on the electric and \$50 on the sludge.

Mr. Wotton – How many hours a day does it run?

Ms. Schick – It's supposed to run 24/7. This contract does the repair. They wanted a three year contract and I got them to agree to a nine month contract. Fiscally we can't do it. Page three lists the items that they don't cover; complete replacement of the engine, repair or replacement of the engine crankcase or crankshaft and replacement or rewinding of the alternator.

Mr. Wotton – We could have a larger bill.

Mr. Ristuccia – The gas that comes from the bugs is not good clean gas. There are issues that fowl the crank case. Seven pistons are worn because of the gas. These people will run it all the time. Part of the contact is to help us to make it operate right.

Mr. Furtado – If it doesn't run they lose.

Mr. Riley – In six months the pistons clog they have to fix it. The pistons; it could be how they were built but not how they were operating. I asked Mr. Furtado if there is any research how they made the engine if it could be faulty.

Ms. Schick – I asked that question to Kraft and said not that they know of.

Mr. Hobson – How much for new generator?

Mr. Riley – Well over six figures. Ask Kraft if there is a running defect in the motor that this contract would be null and void.

Ms. Sturtevant – I agree. We should have this up and running.

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Mr. Furtado – The digester has been working for almost a year now. Linda and Steve refigured the piping system.

Mr. Riley motioned to approve the nine month Kraft contract for the generator for the digester. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Sewer Department Vehicle

Mr. Furtado – We are going to bypass this.

Mr. Hobson motioned to table discussing the sewer department vehicle. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Drainlayer Annual Fee

Mr. Furtado – We compared other towns to what we are charging. Kathy put together a table.

Mr. Wotton – We were having a bunch of guys and they were submitting from other towns what they pay and we weren't charging what other towns were. Look at a ten mile radius. Some were in excess of \$300. I just felt we have about forty or so drainlayers. We need to charge a fee to make a better way to recoup some revenues. We can snatch a little bit more. Keep rates a little bit lower. I propose we increase to what Dartmouth is charging.

Ms. Sturtevant – It should be increased somewhere in between \$150 to \$200.

Mr. Riley – It's been \$100.

Mr. Hobson – \$200 sounds fair.

Ms. Tripp – Currently the fee is deposited into the sewer enterprise fund. The water department is not receiving any of those funds. It would be better if you could separate the fees; one for water and one for sewer.

Mr. Wotton motioned to increase the sewer contractor's annual fee effective January 1, 2015 to \$150 and the water contractor's to \$150 and if paid at the same time charge a combination of \$250 which would be \$125 each. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Board Members, Superintendent – Old Business / New Business

Mr. Hobson – I had a few phone calls from residents of Paul and John Streets about the odor. Is it anything to do with the plant?

Mr. Furtado – We checked it out and we bought some additional odor control for Bridge Street.

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Mr. Hobson – I went by and it did smell.

Ms. Sturtevant – I have nothing.

Mr. Hobson – Route 6 and Scoticut Neck Road from Adams to Green Street about the brush.

Mr. Furtado – The Lions Club is going to take care of it.

Mr. Hobson – Wood school there is brush growing out of the sidewalk.

Mr. Wotton – I have nothing.

Mr. Riley – The other night we interviewed for the HMEO position. We had six people come in. Some were very qualified for the position and we narrowed it down to two and a third possibility.

Superintendent's Report for September 22, 2014:

From last meeting:

- Graded Bella Vista to turnaround
- Manomet Street needs cold patch – on the schedule to be completed
- Wigwam Beach Road is private. The property owner of 307 Scoticut Neck Road, Lot 16F owns 32' of the street on the north side of the street from Scoticut Neck Road to the end. The south side of the street is listed as an 8' way on the assessor's maps and the property owners on the south side of Wigwam Beach Road have the right to pass thru. If there is a dispute between the neighbors, they would have to pay for a registered land surveyor to lay out the area in dispute.
- Pesticide license notice

New Stuff:

- Attended digester training
- Met with FST re: \$500 k contract to prioritize and repair various sewers throughout Town
- Attended Mattapoisett River Valley Meeting
- Met contractors at skate park for re-bid
- Conferred with Tom Crotty re: Union Matter
- Gilbert Street issue – distance between rocks at beach path

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- Will be putting presentation for Representative Strauss concerning water withdrawal issue that will impact Town
- Received a few odor complaints from Paul Street/John Street area – we bought some odorfous to introduce to plant
- Went to Mass Highway with Tom Crotty and Jeff Osuch re: Tibbetts/Howland Rd litigation
- Dogwood Street paved
- Union issue with flex time addressed
- Kraft service contract which will be discussed Monday
- Went with Linda to Union Wharf to estimate project needs for pump out station requested by Harbormaster
- HMEO interviews conducted
- Met with Mattapoissett re: new invoices reflecting additional capacity and costs reflected in new IMA

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Riley motioned to hold the next meeting on October 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant