

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – November 12, 2013

Members Present: Bob Bartini, Chairman, Bill Enser, Roger Scheurer, Dave Forrest, and Nelson Daley  
Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei and Marty Berenski

Chairman Bob Bartini called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**Commitment**

BPW signed Water and Sewer Commitment

**Abatement**

229 High St - Robert Driscoll submitted a request in writing for sewer abatement to the BPW. Robert Driscoll stated in his written request that he has discovered an outdoor faucet that has been leaking and dripping into the ground. Robert also stated that the water did not go down the sewer. After discussion the BPW denied abatement

**Roger Scheurer motioned to deny Sewer abatement for 229 High St, seconded by David Forrest. The motion passed unanimously**

85 Tyringham Rd – Elizabeth Sedlow submitted a request in writing for a sewer abatement to the BPW. Elizabeth states that her pool has had a leak and they have been trying to locate it. In the meantime she had to fill her pool up about 8 to 10 inches and understands that she has to pay the water portion but would like to request sewer abatement. Roger Scheurer said her usage has been consistent with prior billings.

**Roger Scheurer motioned to deny Sewer abatement for 85 Tyringham Rd seconded by Bill Enser. The motion passed unanimously**

102 West Park St – Teri Freeman and Jason Coulombe requested abatement in writing to the BPW. Teri and Jason explained in a letter that in the 6+ years of owning their home at 102 W. Park St, they never recalled having received a water/sewer bill as high as they did with the last billing (10/01/2013). Their bill was \$245.06 and claims it's about three times what they normally pay. Their assumption is that the discrepancy is either due to a miscalculation or to the leak in the town's water line under their front yard late this past summer, for which the town took responsibility.

Bob Bartini questioned the leak, Chris Pompei explained to the Board that the DPW did work where the bridge is on W. Park St by Price Chopper and the town had fixed their lawn a couple of times, and it had nothing to do with the service line. Roger Scheurer also noticed that the bill has been consistent with the previous October billing and wants to make a motion to deny abatement.

**Roger Scheurer motioned to deny Sewer abatement for 102 West Park St, seconded by Nelson Daley. The motion passed unanimously**

**Wastewater Department**

Abatement request issues: Dave Forrest made a suggestion on a new policy to try. If someone is requesting abatement and can prove that the water did not go down the sewer. We can then take a year's average of Sewer portion and subtract from the total amount of the billing period and offer a 10% abatement. After discussion back and forth Roger Scheurer suggested to discuss this matter further with Dave to try to come up with a solution if possible.

**Water Dept.**

**Davis St** – Marty Berenski came before the Board to voice his concerns regarding the Davis St water leak.

**Tyringham Rd** – Chris updated the BPW and said that the water line is completed and Baltazar is the low bidder for the road.

**Water Tower on Fairview St** – Chris Pompei said that we received the report back from KTA and there was an incompatible coat and too much solvent in the paint. Chris stated that they will be meeting to discuss further.

**Water Bypass** – Chris informed the Board the correct clamp was just ordered and should be in soon.

**Other**

**Land Survey** – Bob Nason informed the Board that we just received the agreement and sent it off to Foresight Land Services with instructions to start the work upon submittal of the agreement in the insurance and to see Chris Pompei.

**Executive Session**

No Executive Session at this meeting.

**Approve Minutes from the October 8, 2013 BPW meeting.**

**Approved as written; Bill Enser motioned to approve October 8, 2013 minutes seconded by Dave Forrest. The motion passed unanimously**

**The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, October 22, 2013 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airolidi Building.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Cook

cc: Selectman, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Planning/Zoning Board, Building Inspector, Collector, and Town Administrator, Highway Dept, Sewer Plant, and Water Plant