

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 11, 2013

Members Present: Bob Bartini, Chairman, David Forrest, Bill Enser, Roger Scheurer, Peter Jahn, and Monica Ryan

Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei, and Todd Bush

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

Highway Dept.

Tyringham Road – Bill Enser asked if the plans are completed for the water line.. Chris Pompei said no. Pompei said he will be going to the Con Con on Monday June 17, 2013 for approval of plans.

Street Mowing – Bob Bartini asked when the side streets mowing begin. Chris Pompei stated probably in a couple of weeks because Matt Larson is on vacation until the 24th of June.

Meadow St Bridge – Chris Pompei had no updates for the Meadow St. Bridge.

Wastewater Department

Solar System; No update

Water Dept.

Todd Bush Abatement Request – Todd Bush from 395 Summer St was present to request abatement. Todd explained to the BPW that the usage has tripled in the January water and sewer billing. Todd explained to the BPW that he has checked every where for possible leaks and did not find anything. Todd spoke to Jon Lucy from the Water Dept and Jon had changed the water meter and since then everything is back to normal. Chris Pompei explained to the BPW that the meter was sent out to get tested and the results came back with nothing wrong with the meter. After discussion back and forth the BPW granted a onetime 10% abatement for \$152.40. Todd asked the Board if he can pay the bill monthly. The BPW agreed with a payment arrangement and also agreed to waive any late fees or interest.

Roger Scheurer motioned to approve, seconded by Bill Enser. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Shut Offs – Chris Pompei informed the BPW that Jan has been on vacation and does not have an updated delinquent report. Chris will get an update from Jan when she returns. Bob Nason said that he has a report and for Water owed is approximately \$64,600 and Sewer \$99,000. Bob Bartini asked what the procedure was for sending out the Shut-off letters. Bob Nason explained that the first letter explains that the bill is due on July 1st and if not paid a second letter goes out and explains if not paid by a certain date the water will be shut off. After discussion back and forth regarding water shuts offs the BPW would like to have Jan Smith present at the next BPW meeting with the delinquent list and to discuss water shut off procedure.

By Pass Status – Chris Pompei updated BPW regarding the bypass.

Turbine – Update – waiting on parts. Monica Ryan asked how long the turbine has been down at the Water Dept. Chris Pompei said about 6 months. Bob Nason explained to the Board that they keep trouble shooting and another part goes. Chris explained when the plant flooded the water got into the other control panels and blew them all out. Bill Enser asked if the turbine can be run manual. Chris Pompei was not sure.

Water Meters – Dave Forrest asked if anyone knows if Stockbridge is using Antenna meter readings. Dave explained that a system like that could help out a lot. An antenna meter reads all the time and can alert you of any spikes in usage. Bob Nason informed Dave that it is very costly to have something like that. Dave would like to research more and find out if Stockbridge does have the system. Monica Ryan asked how long does it take to read. Chris Pompei responded that it use to take 4 hrs and now it takes approximately 3 days or more, because the meters and batteries are getting weak. After discussion the BPW suggested that Peter Hull from EJ Prescott be present at the next BPW meeting to discuss meters. Chris will set up.

Hydrant Flushing – Bob Bartini asked why the water dept is changing hydrant on Saturdays. Chris Pompei informed the BPW that we have 20 hydrants to change. The water dept will be changing 1 during the work week and 1 on Saturdays. Chris informed the BPW that Dennis Kelly has a lot of work for the guys to do and can only spare them for 1 day during work week.

Other

Abatement Form: Angela will come up with a request for and abatement form for residents to fill out. Form will be presented at next meeting for the BPW to approve or edit.

Executive Session

No Executive Session at this meeting.

No minutes to Approve

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, June 25, 2013 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airolldi Building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 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