

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – August 6, 2013

Members Present: David Forrest, Acting Chairman, Bill Enser, Roger Scheurer, Peter Jahn, Nelson Daley and Monica Ryan  
Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei, and Mr. Bankart

Acting Chairman David Forrest called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM.

**Commitment**

BPW signed commitments

**Abatement**

The BPW approved the following abatements:

980 Fairview St – abatement of \$171.90 (Water) & \$270.55 (Sewer). The July bill was overestimated.

215 High St – Mrs. Maxfield's tag number from the meter heads were switched, which has occurred from day one. The meter was reading a house on Marble St and the house on Marble St was reading 215 High St. Mrs. Maxfield has overpaid the Town by \$3,178.82. The Town will be issuing a refund to Mrs. Maxfield.

David Carver, Trustee of Meadow Wood Condominiums – Meadow Wood was billed for sewer usage for the Lakeside tennis courts. Jan Smith has altered the spreadsheet for further billings. Total approved abatement for Sewer - \$250.96.

South Lee Fire Station – BPW approved to abate the sewer \$181.07. Which is 260.57 from 07/03/2013 billing minus 79.50 from the 04/16/2013 billing = 181.07.

**Roger Scheurer motioned to approve abatements, seconded by Peter Jahn. The motion passed unanimously**

Rick Shove – Rick Shove requested an abatement for 280 Pleasant St. Rick states on his abatement form that when he had purchased the property in 2012, it was a foreclosed home with the water already disconnected. In April 2013 Rick had called to have water turned back on at which at that time the water dept installed a new meter. After discussion the BPW denied to grant abatement because they were only minimum charges.

**Roger Scheurer motioned to deny abatement seconded by Dave Forrest. The motion passed unanimously**

Bankert & Thompson – Steve Bankart was present to request abatement because his toilet was leaking.

**Roger Scheurer motioned to deny abatement seconded by Nelson Daley. 5-1 Monica Ryan abstained.**

BPW also agreed to abate Sewer if it doesn't get treated and proper documentation is presented.

**Highway Dept.**

**Paving** – Chris informed the Board that we just received notice today (08/06/2013) that the Chapter 90 funds have been released. Bob Nason informed the BPW that the Chapter 90 money has been level funded from last year at \$300,000.00.

Dave Forrest suggested not putting a top coat on Spring St and using the extra money towards another Street. Because when the Town originally did Spring St there was just a modified binder on it and not a top coat and has held up very well. Chris suggested to do Reservoir Rd. Roger disagrees and states that we need to follow the list of Roads and add Reservoir Rd on the list according to priorities of Streets that need attention.

Due to the delay of Chapter 90 release the BPW agreed to put the bid out in March and award in May. This will prevent paving late in the season. Dave also suggested getting a cost on Reservoir Rd.

Forrest St is next on list.

**Tyringham Road** - Bob informed the BPW that the Mass Dept of Agricultural has an agricultural preservation restriction on a parcel owned by one of the land owners on Tyringham Rd. The Mass Dept of Agricultural will not give the town a license to build over the preservation if the town has to take the land by

enimate domain, it has to be a friendly taken or donation. There is only 15 days left to complete and the Mass DOT has recommended redesigning. Bob informed the Board that we will be eliminating all the easements temporary and permanent from the particular parcel and all the work will be done in the right of way.

Tyringham water main project will be awarded tonight to Caracus Construction for \$176,315.

#### **Wastewater Department**

BPW approved capacity fee for 2 bedrooms at 220 East St in the amount \$3,565.00

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

#### **Water Dept.**

Dave Forrest wanted to know the status of the Water Tank on Fairview St. Chris informed the BPW at this time it is in working progress because Marcel Payeur is not taking responsibility for the tank. Chris Pompei informed the BPW that he has an expert going to do a failure analysis test in the tank.

Roger Scheurer wanted to know the status on the meter pit on Reservoir Rd. Chris Pompei stated that they are having trouble finding the straps.

Dave Forrest asked the Board to think about the Town coming up with an inexpensive meter that can go on a hose bib. The homeowners will be responsible for the meter. Dave stated that the homeowners will bring the meter to the Board at the beginning of the year and the Board will set a deadline to bring the meter back and if not back by the deadline then they will not receive any credit on the sewer.

#### **Other**

Bob Nason passed out to the BPW the FY 2013 water and sewer spreadsheet receipt for the Board to review.

#### **Executive Session**

No Executive Session at this meeting.

#### **Approve Minutes from the July 9, 2013 BPW meeting.**

**Approved as written; Bill Enser motioned to approve minutes seconded by Roger Scheurer. The motion passed unanimously**

**The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, 2013 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airolldi Building.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 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