

Board of Public Works – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING – May 22, 2012

Members Present: David Forrest, Chairman, Roger Scheurer, Peter Jahn, and Monica Ryan

Others Present: Bob Nason Mike Towler and Chris Pompei

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

Highway Dept.

Sandy Beach Rd – Chris Pompei informed the BPW that he attended a meeting on Monday 05/21/2012 with the Conservation Committee to discuss the Beach Rd. Chris Pompei informed the BPW that the DPW will be taking the black top out and putting gravel on top.

Tyringham Road – Overview of Project status...Chris Pompei and Bob Nason updated the BPW regarding Tyringham Rd..

Dave Forest requested an update on Tamarack Rd. Chris Pompei said that we are still waiting for right of entries to be signed and returned.

Wastewater Department

Steve Tisdale: The BPW approves the capacity permit for a 1 bedroom hookup at 37 East Center St. The fee to tie in is \$1365.00.

Roger Scheurer moved and Peter Jahn seconded to approve the permit. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Dept.

No discussion at this meeting

Abatement

Craig Cook - Mike Towler explained to the BPW that Craig Cook had a leaky toilet at 33 Olive St. Dave Forest expressed that if the toilet was leaking the bill should remain the same. After discussion the BPW denied abatement.

Roger Scheurer moved and Peter Jahn seconded to deny abatement request for Craig Cook (33 Olive St). The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Connel – Chris Pompei informed the BPW that Chris Connel hired Davis Plumbing and Heating and informed Chris that they were going to replace the meter. Chris Pompei informed Chris Connel that he will need to get his meter calibrated or he will lose the abatement. Chris Pompei has not heard back from Chris Connel.

David Forrest suggested that Chris Pompei send a letter to Chris Connel stating that he has 30 days to rectify and to get the proof that he needs to present to the BPW for an abatement.

Kenneth Retzel – Kenneth Retzel requested an abatement on his Water bill at 622 East St. Kenneth stated in his letter to the BPW that the October 2011 and the January 2012 bill was charged \$75.00. Mike Towler informed the BPW that the bill was estimated and he replaced the meter. The billing in April 2012 was an actual read which resulted in a higher usage. Mike Towler explained to the BPW that the last reading caught up with the prior readings. Dave Forest requested that Mike Towler should go get another reading to prove that the billing is correct and to continue discussing the matter at the next BPW meeting. BPW agreed.

William Defreest – 85 Franklin St. The water was shut off the first of October and Jan Smith continued to bill even with no usage. Dave Forest said that the bill stands and no abatement. Robert Nason suggested that we attach the water regulations with the letter. BPW agreed.

Requested amount for abatement is Water - \$50.00 and Sewer - \$100.00

Roger Scheurer moved and Peter Jahn seconded to deny abatement for William Defreest. The motion passed unanimously.

Kyle Zolner – 547 Chapel St. Trailer has been removed and Jan Smith had no knowledge of shut off. Requested amount for the abatement is Water - \$25.00 and Sewer - \$50.00. After discussion the BPW denied abatement.

Roger Scheurer moved and Peter Jahn seconded to deny abatement for Kyle Zolner. The motion passed unanimously.

Joanne Kelly – 65 Pine St, Joanne Kelly has a second meter for sewer that is subtracted because they are landscapers. According to Jan Smith she explained that the meter has been in existence since day one and it has never been in our system. The meter reads in gallons and has to be read manually. Mike Towler found someone home last fall and read the meter. Originally Joanne told Jan Smith to apply her sewer credit to each bill. Joanne has changed her mind and wants a refund instead of a credit on her bill in the amount of \$1,051.73.

After discussion the BPW agreed to deny refund and approve abatement.

Roger Scheurer moved and Monica Ryan seconded to deny refund and approve abatement. The motion passed unanimously.

Other:

None

Executive Session

No Executive Session at this meeting.

Approve Minutes from the May 1, 2012 and May 8, 2012 BPW meeting.

Minutes for May 1, 2012 and May 8, 2012 were approved with no modifications.

Monica Ryan moved and Roger Scheurer seconded to approve May 1, 2012 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger Scheurer moved and Monica Ryan seconded to approve May 8, 2012 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday June 12, 2012 @ 3:30 p.m. at the Airoidi 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