

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – February 11, 2014

Members Present: Robert Bartini Chairman, David Forrest, Roger Scheurer, Nelson Daley and Monica Ryan  
Others Present: Bob Nason, Chris Pompei and Jack Tucker

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

**Commitment**

BPW signed Water and Sewer Commitment

**Abatement**

**1030 Fairview St** – Jack Tucker came before the BPW to request abatement. Jack explained to the BPW that he had a burst pipe in his laundry room on 12/29/2013 that went undiscovered for about 36 hours and had flooded his basement. Dave Forrest explained to Jack that because the water had to be treated the BPW cannot grant abatement for the water portion of the bill. After discussion back and forth the BPW approved to abate \$252.00 on the Sewer portion of the bill.

The calculation – 379.00 (January 2014 bill)  
                              -127.00 (October 2013 bill)  
                              \$252.00 Sewer Abatement

**Dave Forrest made a motion to approve the sewer abatement for \$252.00, seconded by Roger Scheurer. The motion passed unanimously.**

**215 George St** – Paul and Sandra Weslowski presented in writing to the BPW a request for water and sewer abatement. Mr. & Mrs. Weslowski claims that when there was a water leak on George St their water has been poor quality, (black, white and yellow in color). Because they are at the end of the line, there is no hydrant at the end of the street to be flushed. They had to run a considerable amount of water to have it clear out. The BPW reviewed the usage history report and voted not to abate their water and sewer because the previous bills have been consistent.

**Dave Forrest made a motion not to approve abatement, seconded by Roger Scheurer. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Water Dept**

**140 George St update** – Chris Pompei informed the BPW that Jasen Simms accepted the offer to pay 75% of the Cottage Care bill and the DPW would pay 25%. The Cottage Care bill had been paid in full.

**Tyringham Rd** – Chris Pompei explained to the BPW that they had a preconstruction meeting and still has a no notice to proceed. Chris said it could possibly be mid April.

**Water meter & Radio Transmitter Costs & Issues** – Leave on agenda to discuss at the next BPW meeting.

**Water meter and reader recommendation by Board of Public Works** - Leave on agenda to discuss at the next BPW meeting.

**Responsibility of Water lines from Curb Stop to the Main** – The Town is responsible for the water main only and the homeowners are responsible from the curb stop to the main. The BPW discussed possibly changing the Regulations for the Town to be responsible from the Curb Stop to the Main, which would prevent contractors digging in the Rd and not fixing the road properly. In order to change any Regulations the change has to go to a public meeting. Discussion went back and forth also regarding cost issues. Chris Pompei will do more research and the BPW will discuss further at next meeting.

## **Highway/Cemetery Dept**

Chris Pompei updated the BPW regarding the Oak & Spruce Powder Mill Brook Bridge. Chris explained to the Board that the bridge is under design and the State might be changing the design Regs. If the State changes the design Regs, they will have to stop the design they started and start all over. The Town may have to pay to have a Design Exception done which can cost approximately \$10,000.00.

**Willow St Bridge** – Bob Nason updated the BPW.

**Equipment** – Dave Forrest informed the Board that he met with Dennis Kelly to go over the equipments. One of the suggestions was to replace one of the bigger plow trucks. The Town would replace the 1989 with the 1997 truck and the 1997 would be replaced with the new one. For the Sewer dept the Town would take the body off the Sewer truck and put a Utility Body on it and give the truck to the Water dept and purchase a new truck for the Sewer Dept. Dave also suggested that we only have 3 trucks for the Water Dept instead of 4. The BPW will discuss further to come to a conclusion.

## **Other**

Chairman Bob Bartini informed the BPW that he is in Rehab on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 and will not be able to make the BPW meeting on Tuesday's until sometime in April. Bob Bartini had asked the Board if they would mind changing the meetings temporarily to Wednesday's.

The BPW all agreed to move the meeting to Wednesday's at 2:30 on a temporary basis until Bob Bartini rehab schedule does not conflict with the BPW meeting.

## **Executive Session**

No Executive Session at this meeting.

## **Approve January 14 and January 28, 2014 minutes**

**Approved as written; Roger Scheurer motioned to approve January 14, 2014 minutes seconded by Nelson Daley. The motion passed 4– 1 Chairman Robert Bartini abstained because he was not present at the meeting.**

**Approved as written; David Forrest motioned to approve January 28, 2014 minutes seconded by Nelson Daley. The motion passed 3– 2 Chairman Robert Bartini and Roger Scheurer abstained as they were not present at the meeting.**

**The next BPW meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2014 @ 2:30 p.m. at the Airolodi 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