

**MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
JOINT MEETING
April 16, 2013**

PRESENT: Thomas Mullen, Vice Chair, Public Works
Wolfgang Fattler, Member, Public Works, Water Pollution Control Board
Paul J. Canniff, D.M.D., Member, Public Works

ABSENT: Robin Young, Chair, Public Works
Al Baker, Member, Public Works, Water Pollution Control Board

STAFF: Daniel W. Santos, P.E., Director
Roger D. Parsons, P.E., Town Engineer

PUBLIC: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Andres

A quorum for the Public Works Commission being present, the meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM. Matters before the Water Pollution Control Board were continued due to a lack of quorum present that Board.

The Minutes of the March 19, 2013 meetings were approved as written.

Stewarts Creek Sewer Project and other sewer projects: Canniff said he had hoped that the Browns, who attended the last meeting, would be in attendance today to further discuss the issue of assessment of duplexes. He has researched the state law and found there are two methods of assessment that might be appropriate, the fixed method of charging one amount for each parcel and uniform unit method, which charges an amount based on the number the dwelling units on each parcel. The Town chose to implement the uniform unit method. He said he believes the Town did the correct thing. Other members agreed that this is the appropriate methodology for Stewart's Creek.

Fattler said he is still hearing that residents believe they must buy their own grinder pumps. Parsons noted that all residents requiring a grinder pump were sent a letter advising them of the free grinder pumps and that the Town has appointed an ombudsman to handle sewerage questions.

Santos said that staff is conducting a thorough evaluation of grinder pump issues, private property issues and associated costs. Currently residents are responsible for maintenance of their grinder pumps.

Town and Private Roads – Mary Dunn Road and Great Marsh Road: Santos said the Town will be paving the public portion of Mary Dunn Road. The paving of Great Marsh Road will be completed as soon as utility poles are moved.

With regard to the private road issue, Santos said the Town Council has to give direction. The Town Council Roads Committee is defunct at this time. The Highway Division has a \$30,000 annual appropriation for private roads. Repairs are made only for public safety. Commissioners

expressed concern for decreased tax assessments based on deteriorating road conditions and the unfairness of all taxpayers contributing tax dollars to road repairs that are only made on public roads.

Traffic Light Study: Parsons said the study shows the level of service overall is pretty good. Lights are operating reasonably well but many are old and out of date. Needs were identified, leading to a CIP for the signal at Pitcher's Way and West Main Street, which was not funded for FY14. Parsons will be submitting a series of requests for locations such as Independence Drive and Route 132 for funding in the future.

Mullen commented that there is no need for the new traffic signal at Attucks Lane and Airport Road; the three-way stop is working fine.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Geoffrion

Handouts: Town Wide Traffic Signal Inventory, Analysis and Operations Plan
Minutes of 3-19-13