

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
BOARD OF
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
October 15, 2002**

A special meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road at 6:35 PM by Commission President Guy J. Settipane. The following members were present:

David Swain, Vice President
Kenneth G. Littman
David J. Long
Norma B. Willis

Also present were:

Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator/Finance Director
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director
Arlene D. Kalooski, Town Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

1) Water Conservation for Commercial Businesses

Commissioner Swain noted that it was his understanding that this item was put on the Agenda so that the Commissioners could discuss why the Secret Garden was not given the same consideration as the Car Wash under the Rules and Regulations for the Board of Water and Sewer Commission.

The Town Administrator informed the Commission that included in the 1999 amendment of the Rules and Regulations under Conservation are the following:

CONSERVATION. 15A. Limitations on Use

3. When the height of the North Reservoir is from three feet to four feet below the top of the spillway and after publication as described in subsection 2, above, no customer shall use water furnished by the municipal water system.
4. When the height of the North Reservoir is from four feet to five feet below the top of the spillway and after publication as described in subsection 2, above, no commercial customer shall wash any vehicle using water furnished by the municipal water system.

Commissioner Swain stated that the Secret Garden has consistently had low water usage and should not be restricted in the running of their business. Following further discussion by the Commission on this issue, Commission President Settipane directed attention to the provisions made for a variance from the limitations on use.

Holly Howard, owner of the Secret Garden, stated that the process for a variance is cumbersome and requested that the Ordinance be re-looked at to include, as every other community does, the exclusion of agricultural businesses. Ms. Howard presented a written statement to the Commission summarizing their water conservation efforts and indicating their low water usage.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the Public Works Director is to provide a comprehensive report on the water usage of commercial customers.

The Town Administrator was directed to investigate how other communities are handling commercial water users.

- 2) Presentation and Public input re: date for Facilities Plan set for October 30, 2002 at 6:30 PM location to be determined

Laszlo Siegmund, engineer for the Facilities Plan, informed the Commission that as part of the required workshop, he is planning on a display of material, followed by a comprehensive presentation. At that time, he will encourage written questions, which will be answered within a thirty-day time period. The Facilities Plan would then be finalized for a public hearing followed by the presentation to RIDEM for their approval.

Additionally, Mr. Siegmund notified the Commission that funding is available for the first two projects, which consist of the pipeline rehabilitation and the manhole rehabilitation.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the workshop for the Facilities Plan will be held on October 30, 2002 at 6:30 PM at the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Swain to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Arlene D. Kalooski
Town Clerk

- c: Commission Members (5)
Town Administrator
Town Solicitor
Public Works Director
Town Clerk