

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
for  
TOWN, WATER AND SEWER MATTERS**

Monday, April 6, 2015

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 6:30 PM by Commission President Kristine S. Trocki.

The following members were present:

Mary E. Meagher, Vice-President  
Blake A. Dickinson  
Thomas T. Tighe  
Michael G. White

Also present were:

Andrew Nota, Town Administrator  
Peter D. Ruggiero, Esq., Town Solicitor  
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director  
Michael Gray PE, Public Works Director  
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

(None)

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) **03/02/15 minutes** (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner White to accept the 03/02/15 meeting minutes. So unanimously voted.

**OPEN FORUM**

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

1) **Pumping Report:**

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- Pumping was average for the month of March.
- Rainfall was above average for the month of March.
- Water quality/color was good.
- North Reservoir is @ 60MG, usable storage-60MG.
- South Pond is @ 6MG, usable storage-6MG

2) **Town project reports: (See Project Update Report dated March 2015)**

**Transfer pumping/Reservoir:**

The Public Works Director reported that he had met with Pare Engineering to review the plan for the South Pond Dam Improvement Project. The Public Works Director stated that Pare will be meeting with CRMC to discuss permitting issues. The Public Works Director briefly outlined the project and stated that he will give a full presentation with cost estimates at an upcoming meeting of the Board.

The Public Works Director further reported that Jacob McGuire, a local scout has offered to clean up and restore the Jamestown Pound located on North Main Road just south of the North Reservoir and opposite Cedar Lane for his Eagle Scout Project. The Public Works Director stated that this 40' x 40' area surrounded by stone wall was constructed in 1861 for the purpose of confining stray animals, until claimed by their owners. The Public Works Director further stated that this is a great project. Commission President Trocki on behalf of the Commission asked the Public Works Director to extend their heartfelt thanks to Jacob McGuire.

**Distribution System:**

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- The Water Department staff will be conducting hydrant flushing during the month of April for annual maintenance of the distribution system.
- The Water Department staff will be preparing Fort Getty during the month of April for the upcoming season.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

The Public Works Director reported that the monthly average daily flow exceeded the permitted level for the month of March and that this was reported to RIDEM as required by law.

3) **Review of Consumption:**

The Finance Director briefly outlined the status of consumption following the most recent Water and Sewer billing (March 2015).

Following clarification of a few items, it was the consensus of the Commission to accept the report as submitted by the Public Works Director and the Finance Director.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

(None)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(None)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1) Application of **Thomas Carton Swett, Trustee et al (Plat 10, Lot 26; Newport St.) for utility service connection (water only).**

Attorney Eric Archer stated that he was present to represent the applicant.

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- The applicant is seeking approval for a new water service connection for a new dwelling on a lot which is located in the Rural Water District.
- The Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water and Sewer Commission, Section III, Subsection 14B allow new service connections in the Rural Water District.

- The applicant has provided a Hydrogeological Report prepared by GZA Geoenvironmental which has determined that a well installed on the property in question will not yield sufficient water supply to support a dwelling.
- In 2008, the Board approved a water connection to a neighboring property for the same reasons.
- He supports the applicant and recommends that the Board approve the application.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner White to approve the application of Thomas Carton Swett, Trustee et al (Plat 10, Lot 26; Newport St.) for utility service connection (water only), as presented and recommended by the Public Works Director. So unanimously voted.

**TOWN BUSINESS**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings  
Water and Sewer Clerk

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