

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
BOARD OF
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, October 21, 2002

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, Conference Room, 26 North Road at 7:04 PM by Commission President Guy Settipane. The following members were present:

Kenneth G. Littman
Norma Willis
David Long

Also present were:

Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator
Denise Jennings, Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk

Absent were:

David Swain, Commission Vice-President
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director
Douglas DiSimone, Esq., Town Solicitor

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 08/19/02 (regular meeting)

Commissioner Long: I would like to abstain from the vote on the minutes of 08/19/02.

Motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Littman to accept the minutes of 08/19/02. Motion so voted, 3 in favor; Commissioner Long abstained.

2) 09/16/02 (regular meeting)

Commissioner Willis: I would like to abstain from the vote on the minutes of 09/16/02. I was absent. Commission President Settipane asked that the acceptance of the 09/16/02 minutes be continued to the next meeting on 11/18/02.

3) 10/15/02 (special meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commission Littman to accept the minutes of 10/15/02. So unanimously voted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1) **Pumping Report:**

Ms. Crawford stated that Mr. Goslee was on vacation and she reported the following:

- Pumping for the month of September was slightly higher than last year.
- Reservoir is still dropping and is currently down 52 inches.
- Water was pumped from South Pond to North Reservoir for a few days last week.
- South Pond level dropped and pumping was stopped.
- Rainfall was up slightly for the month of September and that we have received 1.75 inches of rain over the past week.
- Turbidity (color) is getting better.

Commissioner Willis: At one Water Study Committee meeting that I attended, there was discussion

regarding purchasing or leasing equipment for the Water Treatment Plant and that this equipment would be used on a seasonal basis. What is the status of this? Ms. Crawford: Filters? Commissioner Willis: Yes. Ms. Crawford: It is my understanding, that this all took place prior to the July 4th water crisis. Since that time the representative from US Filter has come in and he managed to increase the backwash time to 10-12 hours. This winter we are looking to increase this even more; which may mean that we will not need the filter. Commissioner Long: I recall that we were very excited about what could be done with that additional filtering system. Once Mr. Goslee finally got the mixture down with the chemicals, there was a pretty significant increase and the cut down on the backwash time. Ms. Crawford: This winter we will try to increase the backwash time to 16 hours. Commissioner Long: The representative from US Filter said that we have improved our situation so much with the mixture, that it would not be worth spending the money for the additional filtration system.

2) **Town project reports** (see attached Project Update Report as submitted by the Public Works Director)

North/South Pipeline:

Commissioner Long asked for a status report on the PAL (Public Archaeology Laboratory) tests. Ms. Crawford reported the following:

- The initial report is back.
- No features were found.
- Additional testing was done last Thursday and Friday; no features were found.
- Report is due within the next month and it will then be forwarded to NCRS. The Town will then be able to move forward.

Beavertail Road water line:

Commission President Settipane asked for a status report. Ms. Crawford reported that Mr. Goslee is finalizing other issues and that with the weather getting colder, this project may not be started until next spring.

Town Wells:

Commissioner Willis asked for clarification on the permitting process for JR-6.

Ms. Crawford reported the following:

- Test wells will have to be put in surrounding JR-6 and Mr. Gifford will be putting the application together for CRMC and that it would take about 1 month to process the application.
- The Town will then have to apply to the RI Department of Health and DEM.

Commission President Settipane stated that Commissioner Swain has requested from the Public Works Director a chart on the available gallons with South Pond, just as he has provided for North Reservoir.

Ms. Crawford reported that herself along with Mr. Goslee, Commissioner Swan as well as members of the Water Study Committee went to Block Island to learn more about their brackish well and reverse osmosis system and stated that if the Town can find a well with similar brackish water, the Town would be very encouraged with what the system can do. Ms. Crawford further reported that Block Island would be providing a breakdown of the costs associated with this system.

Sewer Plant Rehabilitation:

Ms. Crawford reported that herself and Commission President Settipane today had attended the closing for the 5.5 million dollar loan. She further reported that she has been working

closely with RI Clean Water Finance Agency over the past few years on several different loans and that an interest rate of 1.6 % over a period of 20 years was obtained. Ms. Crawford stated that she would be coming to the Council in November with legislation to be sent up to the general assembly for the remaining 2 million dollars.

Ms. Crawford announced that the workshop to review the draft of the Facilities Plan has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2002 at the Jamestown Philomenian Library at 6:30 PM.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Letter from Robert W. Sutton, Jr. re: Battery Lane subdivision owned by Robert M. Clarke

Ms. Crawford reported that Mr. Clarke had filed a new application with the Town, but withdrew his application prior to tonight's meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Willis to accept the communication from Robert W. Sutton, Jr. re: Battery Lane subdivision owned by Robert M. Clarke. So unanimously voted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

NEW BUSINESS

None scheduled

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to approve the Water and Sewer Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

TOWN BUSINESS

None scheduled

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Willis to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk

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