

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**  
**Board of**  
**Water and Sewer Commissioners**

Monday, September 18, 2000

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 7:00 PM by Commission President David J. Long. The following members were present:

Kenneth G. Littman, Commission Vice-President  
Craig A. Amerigian  
Bruce McIntyre  
David Swain

Also present were:

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

Absent were:

James Murphy, Esq., Town Solicitor  
Steven Goslee, Public Works Director

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) 08/21/00 (regular meeting):  
Following clarification of one item, motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to accept the minutes of 08/21/00. So unanimously voted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

- 1) Pumping Report:  
Ms. Crawford reported that pumping for the month of August was up compared to last year and that the reservoir was at 22 inches. Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commission President Long to accept the pumping report. So unanimously voted.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Copy of letter from Charles J. Pyle to the Town Administrator re: sewer pipe blockage  
Ms. Crawford recommended that this communication be forwarded to the Town Solicitor. Motion by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to forward the communication from Charles J. Pyle to the Town Solicitor. So unanimously voted.

- 2) Copy of letter from M. Paul Sams, Water Resources Board to the Public Works Director re: reimbursement in the amount of \$26,906.54

Following short discussion, motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commission President Long to accept the communication from M. Paul Sams, Water Resources Board and to ask the Town Administrator to set up a time with all parties to receive the check. So unanimously voted.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Water and Sewer rules and regulations
  - a) Letter from the Town Solicitor

Commissioner Amerigian: This draft still does not do what we want it to do. This gives the Commission a free hand to waive conservation regulations at anytime and this was not our intent. I think we said that if we have a full reservoir there is no reason to implement the conservation regulations, if we have water flowing over the dam.

Short discussion followed, regarding previous actions of the Commission.

Commissioner Amerigian referred to clause 7 specifically “upon a four fifths (4/5) vote of all members of the Commission and only”. Commissioner Amerigian suggested adding the following: “after meeting one of the conditions set forth in section 7a below and upon” and include the following two clauses in 7a.

- 1) The height of North Reservoir is no more than six (6) inches below the top of the spillway.
- 2) The height of North Reservoir is no more than twenty four (24) inches below the top of the spillway and the date falls between the first Tuesday after Labor Day and until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Commission consensus: to remove the word “only” from the above suggestion made by Commissioner Amerigian.

Commissioner Littman referred to clause 7 specifically “clear and convincing evidence” and “preponderance of the evidence” and stated that the wording is different in two places in the ordinance and that the Solicitor recommended that the wording be changed to be consistent. The Solicitor recommends that we use “preponderance of the evidence”. The Town Administrator

suggested deleting the first sentence in clause 7. The Commission agreed.

Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner Littman to amend the following language in Section 15A. Limitations on Use., clause 7 of the rules and regulations of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners:

- Delete “When the height of the North Reservoir is no more than six (6) inches below the top of the spillway”
- Start clause 7 with “The”
- Delete the word “only” on line 7 and insert “after meeting one of the conditions set forth in section 7a below and upon”
- On line 10, change “clear and convincing evidence” to preponderance of the evidence”
- Add section 7a with the following clauses:
  - 1) The height of North Reservoir is no more than six (6) inches below the top of the spillway.
  - 2) The height of North Reservoir is no more than twenty four (24) inches below the top of the spillway and the date falls between the first Tuesday after Labor Day and until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Motion so unanimously voted.

Town Administrator to supply a draft of the amended to the Commission for publishing at the next Town Council meeting on 09/25/00.

2) Desalinization well re: CRMC permit

Ms. Crawford reported that the Town should receive the permit from CRMC for the desalinization well within the next week.

3) Rehabilitation of the sewer plant

Ms. Crawford stated that she would like to do a press release just prior to the November election/referendum and requested input from the Commission. She reported that she would have a draft of press release for the Commission at the next meeting on 10/16/00. Following several suggestions from the Commission, motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to discuss this issue at the next meeting on 10/16/00. So unanimously voted.

4) Update on the safe yield study

Ms. Crawford reported that the Public Works Director is currently reviewing the draft of the safe yield study and that the draft would be forwarded to the Commission prior to the next meeting on 10/16/00.

NEW BUSINESS

(none scheduled)

William Brennan (238 Narragansett Avenue): Do you know how much additional revenue you have from the new rates? Ms. Crawford: No, I will get that information. Mr. Brennan: When is the next Water Study Committee meeting? Ms. Crawford: We were waiting for the safe yield study. The next meeting will be within the next month.

Victor Richardson (165 Hamilton Avenue) submitted a report that he had done on reservoir storage to the Commission. Town Administrator to copy report and distribute to the Commission at the next meeting on 10/16/00.

### BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to approve bills and payroll. So unanimously voted.

### TOWN BUSINESS

1) Proclamation honoring Dureen J. Bryer, former Business Manager for the Jamestown School Department

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to accept the proclamation as presented. So unanimously voted.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 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