

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

Monday, March 7, 2016

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 6:32 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  
Wyatt Brochu, Esq., Town Solicitor  
Michael Gray PE, Public Works Director  
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director  
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

Absent:

Peter D. Ruggiero, Esq., Town Solicitor

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

(None)

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) 02/01/16 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to accept the 02/01/16 regular meeting minutes. So unanimously voted.

**OPEN FORUM**

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

Commission President Trocki suggested that the Commission discuss the application of Noreen Drexel et William O'Farrell (Plat 11, Lot 45; 130 Beavertail Road) for utility service extension/connection (water only) as the next item of business, which is currently scheduled under **NEW BUSINESS**.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to discuss the

application of Noreen Drexel et William O'Farrell (Plat 11, Lot 45; 130 Beavertail Road) for utility service extension/connection (water only) as the next item of business. So unanimously voted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1) Application of **Noreen Drexel et William O'Farrell (Plat 11, Lot 45; 130 Beavertail Road) for utility service extension/connection** (water only).

Christian Infantolino, Esq. stated that he was present to represent the owners. Attorney Infantolino further stated that the applicants are looking to connect to municipal water for their property located at 130 Beavertail Road and that the property has an approved septic system for 7 bedrooms. Attorney Infantolino reported that when the house was previously occupied by 6 people the two existing wells did not supply enough water and that the three surrounding properties that are also owned by the applicants are also on municipal water.

Noreen Drexel of 90 Blueberry Lane, reconfirmed that she along with her ex-husband are the owners of the surrounding properties, which are also hooked into municipal water.

The Public Works Director stated that all of the other houses on Fort Getty Road are on municipal water and that some of the vacant lots on the road have also been previously approved for municipal water.

Ms. Drexel reported that when she resided at the property along with her ex-husband and 3 very active/athletic boys, she did a lot of laundry and she had to be very careful, because after a few loads of laundry and showers they would have to wait for the wells to recover.

The Public Works Director stated the following:

- The regulations prohibit extensions to and within the rural water district.
- This application does not require an extension of a water main and that it is an individual connection, as the water main already exists on Fort Getty Road.
- Since this property is located in the rural water district, the applicant requires approval from the Commission and if the Commission feels that there is enough evidence they may grant the application.
- If the application is approved, it is approved subject to the applicant installing water efficient toilets/plumbing fixtures and that they pay the required connections fees.

Commissioner Meagher asked Ms. Drexel if she knew the yield of the well. Ms. Drexel stated that it was not a yield issue, it was a recovery issue.

Following clarification on a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Dickinson, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to approve the application of **Noreen Drexel et William O'Farrell (Plat 11, Lot 45; 130 Beavertail Road) for utility service extension/connection** (water only), subject to the following, as recommended by the Public Works Director:

- The applicant must install water efficient plumbing fixtures and toilets.
- The applicant must pay the required connection fees.

Motion so unanimously voted.

## REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

### 1) **Pumping Report:**

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- JR-1 was taken out of service for the winter.
- Pumping was up slightly for the month of February.
- Rainfall was up for the month of February, compared to January.
- North Reservoir is @ 58MG, usable storage-60MG and that the reservoir has recovered fully.
- South Pond is @ 6MG, usable storage-6MG

### 2) **Town project reports: (See Project Update Report dated February 2016)**

#### **Treatment Plant:**

The Public Works Director reported that staff has been working on general maintenance of the equipment at the treatment facility.

#### **Transfer Pumping/Reservoir:**

The Public Works Director reported that transfer pumping was suspended for the winter.

#### **Distribution System:**

The Public Works Director reported that there were no leaks in the distribution system during the month of February, although there were service calls for lines that froze during the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, where temperatures were below freezing.

The Public Works Director further reported that water staff will be starting annual hydrant flushing during the month of April and stated that flushing the system removes sediment from the system and improves water quality.

#### **Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

The Public Works Director reported that there were no SSO's for the month of February.

The Public Works Director further reported that WWTF staff received an award from RIDEM for being the first facility to submit their monthly Discharge Monitoring Report to the DEM and the EPA.

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

## LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Application of **Noreen Drexel et William O'Farrell (Plat 11, Lot 45; 130 Beavertail Road) for utility service extension/connection (water only).**

Previously discussed.

**TOWN BUSINESS**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings  
Water and Sewer Clerk

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