

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

Monday, July 7, 2014

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 President, Kristine S. Trocki. The following members were present:

Mary E. Meagher, Commission Vice-President
Blake A. Dickinson
Eugene B. Mihaly
Thomas T. Tighe

Also present were:

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) **05/05/14 minutes** (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to accept the 05/05/14 (regular) meeting minutes. So unanimously voted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Mihaly to discuss **New Business** as the next item of business. So unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Application of **Norton H. Reamer** 2002 Trust (Plat 12, Lot 29/a 2.98 acre lot will be created from Lot 29); Hull Cove Farm Road) for **utility service extension (water only)**

Commissioner Meagher stated that she had a conflict of interest with the application of Norton H. Reamer 2002 Trust and recused herself.

Attorney Quentin Anthony stated that he was present for the applicant. Michael Darveau, Land Surveyor was Present also.

Attorney Anthony reported the following:

- His client Mr. Reamer has proposed to extend the water service down Hull Cove Farm Road for approximately 1400 feet to his lot (Plat 12, Lot 29/a 2.98 acre lot will be created from Lot 29), as outlined on a plan submitted by Michael Darveau, Land Surveyor.
- His client, through his representative, has been advised by the Public Works Director/Town Engineer and the Fire Chief and in accordance with town standards, that adequate fire protection for the proposed

- lot requires a 6 inch line and additional fire hydrants.
- His client will finance the new water line and hydrants.
- The existing homes on Hull Cove Farms Road are serviced by a 4 inch line and it is proposed that those homes will be upgraded to a 6 inch line.
- The Commission recently granted approval to Jonathan Goodman the owner of the abutting lot to extend water service to his property located at Plat 12, Lot 217.

The Public Works Director stated the following:

- He received an email today from the abutters, stating that they supported the application of Mr. Reamer.
- Only one new house is proposed.
- All will benefit from this proposed extension.
- He supports the application of Mr. Reamer for extension, as presented.

Attorney Anthony stated that if the application was approved, work would begin in September. Attorney Anthony briefly outlined the construction schedule and further stated that the Public Works Director has suggested that upon completion of the project, that ownership of the line be turned over to the Town. The Public Works Director confirmed this statement and stated that the details could be worked out with the Town Solicitor.

Administrator Nota asked Attorney Anthony if his client had any plans to develop the remaining property. Attorney Anthony stated that Mr. Reamer has approval for development of 6 lots, one of which was already sold to Mr. Goodman, one lot for this this proposed application, which leaves four lots remaining that could be built upon.

Attorney Anthony distributed a copy of the Declaration of Restrictions dated July 19, 1993 to the Commission and asked that it be added to the record.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Tighe to approve the application of Norton H. Reamer 2002 Trust (Plat 12, Lot 29/a 2.98 acre lot will be created from Lot 29); Hull Cove Farm Road) for utility service extension (water only), as recommended by the Public Works Director and subject to review of ownership of the new line by the Town Solicitor.

Brief discussion ensued regarding having the Public Works Director/Town Engineer oversee the Reamer extension project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to amend the original motion to include the condition that the project is under the direction of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer. The amended motion so voted, 4 in favor; Commissioner Meagher abstained.

2) Application of **Mark S. Weil** (Plat 8, Lot 23; 34 West Bay View Drive) **for utility service extension (water only)**

Attorney Geoffrey Turner stated that he was present for the applicant. Attorney Turner reported that his client Mr. Weil has proposed to extend the water service from Watson Avenue around the corner, down West Bay View Drive to the northeast corner of his lot (Plat 8, Lot 23), as outlined on a plan submitted by Michael Darveau, Land Surveyor.

The Public Works Director stated that an extension is allowed in the Urban District and the application for extension will allow maintenance and greater fire protection with the installation of a new hydrant. The Public Works Director further stated that all costs of the extension will be borne by the owner and that he supports the application of Weil, as presented.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to approve the application of Mark S. Weil (Plat 8, Lot 23; 34 West Bay View Drive) for utility service extension (water only), as recommended by the Public Works Director. 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:

- JR-1 has been in operation since May.
- Transfer pumping has not been in operation due to the levels within South Pond, but did resume operation today.
- Rainfall was down, although we received 3 inches on July 4th.
- North Reservoir is @ 51MG, usable storage-60MG.
- South Pond is @ 6MG, usable storage-6MG

2) **Town project reports: (See Project Update Report dated June 2014)**

The Public Works Director reported the following:

Water Treatment Plant-

- Our annual (was previously bi-annual), lead and copper sample test results have been received.
- Ten samples were provided by homeowners for analytical testing.
- All sample test results came back well below the action level of 0.015 mg/l.
- This is our second sampling round, where the lead and copper results have been below the EPA action levels.

Reservoir-

- Water Department staff has completed the upgrades to the aeration system at the North Reservoir.
- The upgraded system is now working as designed and we found immediate improvement to the raw water quality at the treatment plant.

Distribution System-

- Water Department staff has replaced hydrants on Union Street, Bay View Drive and Clarke Street.

Commissioner Meagher stated that she had received several complaints about the new hydrant on Union Street, stating that the hydrant appears to be loosening up and may be due to people backing into it. The Public Works Director stated that he would look into the matter.

3) **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2013**

The Public Works Director stated that this report was recently sent out to all customers and is done annually, as required by the RIDOH.

Following clarification on a few items, Motion was made by Commissioner Dickinson, seconded by Commissioner Mihaly to accept the reports as submitted by the Public Works Director. So unanimously voted.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

Previously discussed.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

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