

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

Monday, November 24, 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 6:10 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
David Petrarca, Esq., Town Solicitor
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Michael Gray PE, Public Works Director
Paula Swistak, Acting Water and Sewer Clerk

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) **Approval of October 29, 2014 Meeting**

Motion was made by Commissioner Dickinson, seconded by Commissioner Tighe to accept the October 29, 2014 Water and Sewer 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, Michael Gray, reported the following:

- Pumping was average for the month of November
- Received 1 ½ inches of rain, reservoir is up a little since last month

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

Wells:

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- JR-1 has been taken out of service on Monday, November 16th due to freezing temperatures.

Water Treatment Plant:

- Staff has been working on general maintenance of the filters and equipment at the treatment facility and removing sludge from the drying beds in preparation of winter weather
- JK Muir LLC, consultants, working for National Grid, has scheduled a full electrical audit of the water treatment facility for December 1st. Mr. Gray will be working with the consultant to review the electrical demand for each piece of equipment within the facility to determine where there may be opportunities for energy savings.

Transfer Pumping/Reservoir:

- South Pond started spilling over this week with the rain we received over the past two weeks. We will transfer water to North Pond as the temperature allow. The meter and piping are above ground and is susceptible to freezing.

Distribution System:

- There we no leaks in the system for the month of November.
- The 6” piping extension on West Bay View Drive is complete and in service.
- The 6” water main extension on Racquet Road should be complete the first week of December. Water services will be installed once the main is tested and approved for use.
- The water main installation on Hull Cove Farm Road is complete. The contractor, Toll Brothers, is responsible for chlorinating and testing. Once approved, the existing homes will be connected to the new main and the existing 4” will be abandoned.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- The monthly average daily flow at the treatment plant for November was 0.17 million gallons per day. The peak daily flow was 0.27 million gallons. The permitted flow for the monthly average is 0.73 million gallons per day.
- There were no SSO’s for month of November.

Mr. Gray reported that Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike, engineers who performed a Safety Yield Study in 2000, informed him that a new updated study would cost \$19,000.

Town Administrator Nota stated that it needs be to determined whether the town wants to spend money on validating the 1980 report or invest monies on technologies, permitting and costs involved in looking at development of wells. He will present options to the Town Council during the budget cycle.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

1) Application of Daniel et Patrick Vieira (Plat 8, Lots 875, 826 and 468; North Road) for Sewer Extension

Nikki Andrews Gladding, Island Engineering, representing the Vieira family, gave a presentation on the proposed 300' sewer extension on Arnold Avenue. Lots 468 and 826 have existing dwellings and are serviced by town water. Lot 875 is a vacant residential lot. Soil evaluations recently completed determined that the seasonal high water table is 6" below the ground surface which indicates that the lots are not suitable for septic systems. The rules and regulations require that the applicants have frontage on a sewer main in the right of way. Sewer mains are not located along the frontage of the 3 properties. Ms. Gladding proposed an extension of a sewer main within Arnold Avenue and the installation of a common forcemain that will serve all properties.

Mr. Gray stated that he supports the applications for the sewer extensions for the three properties. The town's onsite wastewater records indicate that Lots 468 and 826 are serviced by substandard septic systems that will need to be replaced in 2016. If the applications are approved, it will eliminate two septic systems that do not provide adequate treatment of wastewater improving groundwater quality in the areas that is serviced by private wells. Mr. Gray stated the approval should be approved on the condition that the applicants develop a maintenance agreement for the common forcemain and that it be recorded with the deed to each property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to approve the application of Daniel et Patrick Vieira, Plat 8 Lots 875, 826 and 468 on North Road for sewer extension only. So unanimously voted.

2) Meeting Schedule for December

Town Administrator Nota noted that the next Water and Sewer meeting is currently scheduled for December 31st. Following a brief discussion, a consensus was reached to reschedule the next Water and Sewer meeting to Monday, December 29th at 6:00PM.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, a motion was made by President Trocki, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Paula Swistak
Acting Water and Sewer Clerk

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