

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

Monday, May 5, 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 6:03 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) **04/07/14 minutes** (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to accept the 04/07/14 (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 **William Hutchinson (79 Hamilton Avenue; Plat 9, Lot 859) for utility service (water) connection**

William Hutchinson of 79 Hamilton Avenue stated the following

- He built his new house on the property a few years ago, which has a well.
- The well water quality is poor, even with a filter and it is difficult to maintain.
- There is an existing water line on the property that was used for the old farmhouse, this was on the lot when he purchased the property.
- He requests to tie into the Town water via a t-line from the old farmhouse.

The Public Works Director stated the following:

- This property is located in the rural district, which requires an applicant to go before the Commission for a request for water service, but others whose property fronts the other side of Hamilton Avenue are generally approved administratively
- He suggested that the applicant come before the Commission, so that conditions could be set and he recommended that the Commission approve the application, subject to the follow condition:

- The applicant's connection shall be for one residential dwelling and that there will be no additional connections, if the property is subdivided. He will work with the applicant regarding placement of the line.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commission Mihaly to approve the application of William Hutchinson (79 Hamilton Avenue; Plat 9, Lot 859) for utility service (water) connection, subject to the follow condition as recommended by the Public Works Director:

- The applicant's connection shall be for one residential dwelling and that there will be no additional connections, if the property is subdivided.

Motion so unanimously voted.

2) Application of **Conanicut Marine Services (Owner: Freebody, LLC) (260 Conanicus Avenue; Plat 8, Lot 278) for utility service (sewer) connection**

Commissioner Dickinson stated that he had a conflict of interest with the application of Conanicut Marine Services (Owner: Freebody, LLC) and recused himself.

Attorney Christian Infantolino stated that he was present for the applicant. Commissioner Meagher asked Attorney Infantolino what type of waste services were currently in place. Attorney Infantolino stated that Porta-Johns are currently being used at this site. Commission President Trocki stated that the Commission has reviewed the application and are aware of the recent Zoning approval.

The Public Works Director recommended that the Commission approve the application, subject to the applicant submitting an engineered drawing to his office for approval. The Public Works Director stated that surrounding properties are on town sewer.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to approve the application of Conanicut Marine Services (Owner: Freebody, LLC) (260 Conanicus Avenue; Plat 8, Lot 278) for utility service (sewer) connection, subject to the following as recommend by the Public Works Director:

- The applicant must submit an engineered drawing to the Public Works Director for approval.

Motion so voted, 4 in favor; Commissioner Dickinson abstained.

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 well remains off-line for the season.
- Transfer pumping remains off-line for the season.
- North Reservoir is @ 60MG, usable storage-60MG.
- South Pond is @ 7MG, usable storage-7MG

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

The Public Works Director reported the following:

Wells-

A new control system is being manufactured by Harbor Controls to replace the old and outdated system that

operates the wells.

Water Treatment Plant-

Staff has completed the installation of alarms and telemetry between the Chemical feed building at South Pond and the treatment plant and is continuing to upgrade the old treatment building for future maintenance use.

Reservoir-

The aeration system at the reservoir is in need of upgrades and that he has met with Ecosystem Consulting, the original designer and manufacturer of the system to review the scope and requirements for the repairs. The Public Works Director briefly described the recommended repairs.

The Public Works Director stated that he continues to work on the replanting of trees at the reservoir and that he will keep the Commission informed regarding this project.

Wastewater Treatment Plant-

The monthly average daily flow at the treatment plant for April was 0.92 million gallons per a day. This exceeds our permitted flow of 0.73 million gallons per a day. This was due to excessive inflow and infiltration, caused by heavy rains received during the month.

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

1) Copy of Annual Residential Sewer Charges from the Narragansett Bay Commission
The Finance Director stated that this report was included in the Commissions packet for informational purposes. Brief discussion ensued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

Previously discussed.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

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