

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

Monday, March 20, 2017

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 6:36 PM by Commission President Kristine S. Trocki.

The following members were present:

Mary E. Meagher, Vice-President
Blake A. Dickinson
Eugene B. Mihaly
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
Andrew Wade, Recreation Director
Cheryl Fernstrom, Town Clerk
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) 02/21/17 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Mihaly to accept the 02/21/17 regular 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 reported the following:

- JR-1 remains out of service for the winter.
- Rainfall was down for the month of February.
- North Reservoir was @ 55MG, usable storage-60MG.
- South Pond is @ 6MG, usable storage-6MG

2) **Town project reports: (See Project Update Report dated March 2017)**

The Public Works Director reported the following:

Treatment Plant:

The Public Works Director reported that Water Department has been working with the Town's process controls engineer and electrician on the installation of the motor starters and controls for the Raw Water and Finish Water pumps in the new treatment building.

The Public Works Director briefly outlined the disinfection process and stated that the Water Department is responsible for monitoring water from the distribution system on a quarterly basis for disinfection byproducts and that he is awaiting quarterly test results. The Public Works Director further stated that the Town is usually, well within the guidelines.

Transfer Pumping/Reservoir:

The Public Works Director reported that North Reservoir is filling up and is within 5 million gallons from the top of the spillway.

Distribution System:

The Public Works Director reported that a water main leak was discovered on Hawthorne Road and it was repaired by the Water Department and that the Highway Department will repair the road, once the asphalt plant opens for the season in the spring.

Wastewater Treatment Facility:

The Public Works Director reported that Green Mountain Pipeline Services has completed cleaning and inspection of the collections system piping and they are scheduled to begin slip lining in the spring.

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

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Public Works Director reported that he has met with owners of 43 Melrose Avenue and 32 Green Lane and it was determined that in both instances and the nature of the water leak, the water did not go into the sewer system. He further reported that he explained to the customers that there is cost associated with the water that goes out into the system. The Public Works Director noted that historically, the Commission has not granted relief.

1) Letter dated 06/30/16 from **James Morgan of 43 Melrose Avenue** (1st floor/02-044013) re: reduction in water and sewer bill for quarter ending March 2016. (cont. from 08/16/16)
James Morgan of 57 Narragansett Avenue stated that his father was before the Commission last year and requested relief for sewer charges imposed on him for a leak that occurred in February of 2016, which resulted in a \$6,000+ water and sewer bill, which half was for water and half was for sewer. Mr. Morgan stated that his father has since passed away and that when he was going through the records he came across the outstanding bill. Mr. Morgan stated that his father's plumber verified that the leak/water had gone into the dirt floor on the northwest side of the basement. Commission President Trocki extended her condolences from the Commission to Mr. Morgan for his loss.

2) Letter from **Alicia Bell and Justin Sirotin** re: leak and water and sewer use charges for **32 Green Lane** (cont. from 02/21/17)
Commission President Trocki noted that the Bell/Sirotin's were not present at said meeting.

Following brief discussion and clarification, it was consensus of the Commission that it would be appropriate to grant relief on sewer charges due to the nature of the leaks at 43 Melrose Avenue and 32 Green Lane, as reported by the Public Works Director. The Finance Director suggested that if relief was given on the sewer charges that an average be taken on previous usage and that the adjustment be made accordingly.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to grant the request from James Morgan of 43 Melrose Avenue and Alicia Bell et Justin Sirotin of 32 (& 34) Green Lane for relief on sewer charges, as prorated by an average of usage, as suggested by the Finance Director. So unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Application of **Davitt Design and Scott and Pam Mosenthal (Plat 11, Lot 6; 178 Beavertail Road)** for utility service connection (water only)
The Public Works Director reported that some of the Beavertail area is connected to town water, although it is outside the rural water district. The Public Works Director further reported that the Board has previously granted permission for water, if the applicant has proven that they are not able to get potable water. The Public Works Director stated that the Town is at its safe yield and are responsible to supply water to their existing customers first and he reminded the Commission that there continues to be in a moderate drought.

Keith Briggs of Davitt Design stated that he was present to represent the applicants. Mr. Briggs reported that the applicants property has been in the family for a number of years and Mrs. Mosenthal summered in Jamestown as a child. Mr. Briggs stated that they did not do well testing as of yet, as it was their understanding that neighboring properties have municipal water and a lot that is for sale on Battery Lane has water available.

Commissioner Meagher asked the Public Works Director for clarification regarding the lot that is for sale. The Public Works Director stated that the lot that is for sale, was granted approval for water by the Commission in back in 1999 and there were two properties on Fort Getty Road that were approved for water by the Board last year. Commissioner Meagher stated that the applicant must prove that they are not able to get water from another source, before coming to the Board and stated that the owner of the Battery Lane property who received approval in 1999, was lucky to get approval, as the rules and regulations of the Board were changed in 2000. Commission President Trocki agreed with Commissioner Meagher.

Commissioner Dickinson stated that he would like to add customers to the system, as he would like to share the burden. Commissioner Mihaly suggested that the applicant do a well test, and if it shows inadequate or poor quality then they should come back to the Board for permission. Mr. Briggs asked if the application could be continued. Commission President Trocki stated that the application could be tabled until the applicant could do a well test and they could report back to the Commission, if needed. Commission consensus- To ask the applicant to do a well test and to table the application until further notice.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:



Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

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

Project Update March 2017

WELLS

JR-1, JR-3

- JR-1 has been taken out of service for the winter.

TREATMENT PLANT

- Staff have been working with our process control engineer and electrician to install the new motor starters for the raw water and finish water pumps to operate out of the new treatment plant building. The raw water pumps have been completed and are now operating out of the new treatment plant building. We are waiting on a schedule from the manufacturer's representative for the new motor starters that will power the finish water pumps so that we can complete the equipment installation and electrical tie-in to the treatment plant.
- To provide safe drinking water to our customers, the water is disinfected with chlorine as the last step in treatment before distribution. Disinfectants can react with naturally occurring materials in the water to form byproducts that can pose health risks. The water department is responsible for monitoring water from the distribution system once every quarter for disinfection byproducts that include Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Total Haloacetic Acids (HAAs).

The Stage 2 Disinfection by-products rule requires us to collect and analyze a sample taken from the Town Hall each quarter. The first quarter testing results were 72 ppb for TTHMs and 41 ppb for HAAs. The EPA has set a maximum level of 80 ppb for TTHMs and 60 ppb for HAAs. The EPA determines maximum levels of contaminants in drinking water at which no adverse health effects are likely to occur. As the results show we are below the levels set by EPA.

TRANSFER PUMPING/RESERVOIR

- Transfer pumping has been suspended for winter conditions.
- Pare has been working on the CRMC permitting application for the proposed South Pond dam improvement project which includes a complete reconstruction of the dike section of the dam. The application should be ready for submittal in early March.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

South Pond @ 6 MG
Usable Storage, 6 Million Gallons

North Pond @ 55 MG
Usable Storage 60 Million Gallons

- A watermain leak was discovered on Hawthorne Road and repaired by the water department. The highway department will need to repair the road once the asphalt plants have opened this spring.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

- The monthly average daily flow at the treatment plant for February was 0.46 million gallons per day. The peak daily flow was 0.58 million gallons. The permitted flow for the monthly average is 0.73 million gallons per day.
- There were no SSO's for the month of February.
- Green Mountain Pipeline services completed the cleaning and inspection of the collection system piping that we have scheduled for slip-lining. The contractor will be reviewing the inspection logs for the piping segments to determine a schedule for slip lining this spring. The following sections of piping will be slip-lined: Knowles Court, Coronado Street, Grinnell Street, Pemberton Avenue, Lawn Avenue, and a section of piping in Shoreby Hill between Longfellow and Whittier.