

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

Monday, October 7, 2013

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

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

Also present were:

Christina D. Collins, Interim Town Administrator/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) **09/03/13 minutes** (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to accept the 09/03/13 (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 well has been in service since April to supplement the water supply.
- Transfer pumping has been suspended, due to the level of North Reservoir.
- Rainfall in September was down slightly compared to August.
- North Reservoir is @ 36MG, usable storage-60MG. We are past the peak usage period. Reservoir will respond to rainfall over the next few months.
- South Pond is @ 6MG, usable storage-7MG

2) **Town project reports: (See Project Update Report dated September 2013)**

Public Works Director Mike Gray briefly outlined the recent boil water advisory initiated by the RI Department of Health for the Kent County Water Authority and reported the following:

- All water suppliers are required by the RIDOH to test for Test Coliform within the water distribution system. (See EPA-Total Coliform Rule: A Quick Reference Guide)
- The Jamestown Water Department collects five samples from the distribution system each month for laboratory analysis. The samples are transported to the laboratory the same day that they are collected and analyzed within two hours of receipt at the lab. The test takes 24 hours to complete, however our lab will do a preliminary check and will notify us by telephone if they see that a sample is going to be positive or suspicious.
- If there is a violation the public must be notified within 24 hours, through local media or televised news, once the water supplier becomes aware of the violation.

The Public Director further reported that he is working with the Police Chief on a system through the reverse 911 system to contact customers directly by telephone and that to his knowledge the Town of Jamestown has never had a boil water advisory.

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

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

1) Application of Kim et Jeff Westcott (Plat 9, Lot 336; 186 Racquet Road) for **water utility extension** President Trocki stated that the applicant is seeking a water utility extension to their house located at 186 Racquet Road.

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- The applicant came to him a few months ago requesting to extend the water service to their property.
- Surrounding properties on Racquet Road are hooked into the municipal water system.
- Regulations require an applicant in the Rural District to come before for the Board to request a water extension to their property and that the applicant must bear cost of the extension.

Kim Westcott of 186 Racquet Road stated that her father owns the house located at 121 Walcott Avenue and that the well water at 186 Racquet Road has always had a very high, unmanageable iron level and is beyond correctable.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to approve the application of Kim et Jeff Westcott (Plat 9, Lot 336; 186 Racquet Road) for water utility extension, as recommended by the Public Works Director. So unanimously voted.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Tighe, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

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