



## TOWN OF PAXTON

Water Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2016

Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Place: John Bauer Senior Center, 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Attendees: Carol Riches (CR), Town Administrator; Jack Malone (JM), Commissioner; Rodney Jenkins (RJ), Commissioner; Dave Trulson (DT), Commissioner; Mike Putnam (MP), DPW & Water Superintendent

Also Present: Kevin Quinn (Quinn Engineering); Steve Venincasa (Stage One Investors/Bel Arbor Estates); Robert Clark (Clark Realty Development Corp.), Neil Bagdis (Planning Board)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

### Minutes

Motion (RJ) seconded (DT) to accept the meeting minutes of March 10, 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.

### Bel Arbor Estates: Hydraulic Study

- Presentation by Kevin Quinn (Quinn Engineering) on behalf of Steve Venincasa of Stage One Investors/Bel Arbor Estates
- The hydraulic study done by Tata & Howard found that the existing 6" water main along Holden Rd. and Bel Arbor Drive is hydraulically deficient. In order to provide the recommended available fire flow to these homes, the water main along Bel Arbor Dr. and an additional 1700 ft. of main along Holden Rd. would need to be replaced.
- Kevin Quinn and Steve Venincasa proposed to establish a fund that could be used at the discretion of the Paxton Water Department for improvements to their system. This would be in lieu of Stage One Investors replacing the water main on Bel Arbor Drive.
- (NB) proposed the use of cisterns as an alternative solution for the fire flow deficiency. This would require perpetual maintenance though.
- (JM) preferred to look at the whole problem not just this development. He feels that we need to come up with a solution now that we know that the problem exists beyond Bel Arbor Drive. He also talked about contacting the DOT for help with this because they are planning to redo Holden Rd. in the near future. It might be beneficial to replace the water main at the same time as the road construction project.
- Steve Venincasa proposed the idea of the Town supplying the materials and his company providing the labor to replace the existing water mains.

- (JM) proposed that Kevin Quinn and Steve Venincasa come back to the next meeting with proposals in writing for the Water Board to discuss.
- (DT) motioned to accept Jack Malone's proposal, seconded by (RJ). Unanimous, all in favor.
- (MP) will start checking to see if the DOT can help in any way with this.

**Spaulding Woods** - (Kevin Quinn, Quinn Engineering and Robert Clark, Clark Realty Development)

- Robert Clark would like to eliminate the plan to construct a loop to the water main that will serve the houses as part of the Spaulding Woods Subdivision. This loop was agreed upon in a letter dated June 16, 2010 by Alice K. Livdahl, Attorney at law, and signed by the Town of Paxton and Robert Clark and Raymond Daly, owners of the Spaulding Woods Subdivision. Instead, Mr. Clark is asking to run a main from Pleasant Street up Davis Hill Rd.
- (MP) explained that the water main on Rt. 122 (Pleasant St.) is only a 6" main and the main that Robert Clark is required to put in is 8". You cannot run an 8" main from a 6" main so this would not be acceptable to the Paxton Water Department. The Paxton Water Dept. wants the subdivision to stick with the agreement that was made on June 6, 2010.
- Robert Clark states that he is not going to continue with the plan that was agreed upon in 2010. He will do something else with the land.

**Michael Putnam, DPW & Water Superintendent**

- AMC would like to put in a Fire Suppression system for Madonna Hall. (MP) told them there would not be any connection fees from the Water Dept. because it is not a usage line. (MP) requested the specifics from AMC and he will continue to update the Board as he gets more details.
- AMC Maintenance department would also like to put an irrigation system in at the same time as the fire suppression system. AMC is asking to connect to the new water line with a separate meter versus connecting directly to an existing line from the building. (MP) is asking that the board think about this.

**FY 16 Budget**

- There was general discussion about FY 16 budget and everything looks good.
- Purchased services account was increased by \$40,000 at the town meeting to cover expenses for Worcester water.

**At 9:00pm, Rodney Jenkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Dave Trulson.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peloquin, DPW Admin. Assistant

Accepted:

