



**TOWN OF PAXTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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**Water Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 25th, 2012**

Attendees: Rodney Jenkins, Jack Malone, Michael Putnam, Carol Riches, Travis Thibault, Kevin Quinn, Tracey Coetzee

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Meeting Minutes from October 2nd and 11th, 2012 were approved RJ, 2nd JM (2-0)

Spaulding Woods

Rodney Jenkins excused himself.

- There have been some changes to the original plans in trying to make the water cost improvements more affordable.
- A suggestion was to phase in the water main installation, by working on the subdivision and bringing the line into the cul de sac and as properties sell bring it in further and tie it in to Davis Hill Rd. at a later time.
- If it could be run up Davis Hill and turn into the nearest property line it would save on amount of the pipe and won't diminish service ability. This is not ideal but it is an option that would be helpful if the Board agreed. The Board had also previously agreed about phasing the hookup fees. The fees were waived for 2 ANR lots to get the loop put in but now that the project has downsized there was a question of how to proceed with this. If the fee is waived then the original proposal will have to be follows.
- There was discussion on the hooking up to the 8" line on Pleasant Street, as there is uncertainty as to where the pipe transition is (8 inch to 6 inch at Davis Hill intersection). You cannot feed fire hydrants with a 6" line.
- The Fire chief should give his recommendation.
- Kevin Quinn will draft up a corrected proposal and present to the board at the next meeting.

Rules and Regulations

- Travis has copies of the Rules and Regulations from all surrounding towns. Mike and Travis will be taking all our current Rules and Regulations and placing them in a formal document.
- We need to define commercial regulations/fees better.
- There should have a formal meeting where rules and regulations can be discussed.

Flushing

Travis is a quarter of the way through with flushing.

Reports and Updates

Town Administrator – Carol Riches

- JKS Paxton will to pay \$65000 for connection fees as was requested.
- Mike received a credit from Worcester Water in the amount of \$21,415.

DPW Superintendent – Mike Putnam

- Attended the kickoff meeting for Department Heads and Inspectors for the Senior Resident Development (SRD) on Thursday. The Fire Chief was questioning the size of the water main entering the facility. A hydraulic evaluation done in 2008 and although the plan had changed somewhat, it was not drastic. The Fire Chief's concern is fire protection. Our opinion is we were told 8" is adequate. The Board was made aware that from this point on any other projects moving forward has to have better correspondence with the Fire Chief on these projects. Travis suggested that Chief Conte attends the meetings involving the new mains.
- If a project changes from 40-50 residences then the brakes should have been put on at the planning board level.
- Planning to put in an 8" pipe, if that changes then Jack would like the board to put a halt on the project.
- Jay Conte will be in contact with Mike. Travis's concern is the larger pipe may cause stagnant water.

Water Working Foreman – Travis Thibault

- There have been pumping station issues with low chlorine coming in from City.
- We were losing tank signal from Asnebumskit tank and in doing some basic inspections found that one of the boxes on tank didn't have sealant. This has been fixed and since then there have been no issues.
- 3-4 more weeks of flushing. Couple of complaints of dirty water.
- Leak on Old Lantern, repaired by Paxton Water Dept.
- Leak on private service on 12 Dunanderry Way, repaired by private contractor working for home owner. We had them on a temporary line and the contractor hooked them up yesterday.
- Repaired leak on 32 Camp Street

Update on Tank Inspection/tank maintenance

- Maple street tank – we continue to get correspondence from Harry Hagan from Statewide Aqua store who is waiting for us to move forward. We would like to consider with the tank building, a mechanism to inject chlorine. This would be an added cost. Mike was give a list of tanks that have been built which also gives ideas of what they do for buildings.
- The Board would like to present this at the May Town meeting. Need specifications and dollar amount.

Next board meeting will be November 15th, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm on a motion by JM seconded by RJ (2-0)

Respectfully submitted

Tracey Coetzee