

Meeting Minutes
Charlton Water and Sewer Commission
Date: October 6, 2014

Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall

Attendees:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
Paul Gagner	Y	Robert Lemansky	Y
Joseph Spiewak	N	Shabana S. Gagner	Y
Alex J. MacKenzie	Y		

Mr. Gagner: I'd like to welcome you to another exciting meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission. It is Monday, October 6, 2014; we are about ten minutes late; and it is 6:40 p.m. Mr. Spiewak is not going to be with us this evening; and Shabana Gagner should be here.

Mr. Lemansky: I make a motion to pay the following vendors: Woodard & Curran: \$40,151.75; R&M: \$2,500.00; total: \$42,700.35; E.J. Prescott: purchase of Sensor MXU units: \$1,718.10; Cosgrove & Blatt: legal services regarding the sewer easement at 83 Sunset Drive: \$391.50; Kopelman & Paige: general legal services through 8/31/2014: \$114.00; and Commissioner payroll for October: \$400.00; seconded by Mr. MacKenzie. Vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Lemansky read Steve's administrator's report. 232 Stafford Street. There were two different contractors.....Mr. Gagner: I met with one of them who said they would get back to me during the week. There was a second person who came in. Mr. St. George arrived at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Lemansky: I talked to Syroco Heating and Air Conditioning in Connecticut. They are vendors for the equipment called Desert Sand. I will try to get a hold of the head of the company and ask that they come to the plant to make suggestions to us as to things that can be done. I passed that information on to Steve so that Steve can talk with Mr. Carbone. Mr. Gagner: Any comments on the administrator's report? We will do water privilege fees later. Steve: Jody and Chris McClure talked to me regarding a solar farm.

6:54 p.m. Jody St. George arrived. Mr. Lemansky: The project that is happening on Carpenter Hill Road. A constituent called me and asked about the Water & Sewer Commission regulations as to blasting within the area of a sewer line. Steve called Digsafe and told them that we had a restriction saying that there is no blasting within 500 feet of a sewer line. Mr. Lemansky: The blasting permit is issued by the Fire Department. Jody, should we have something in our regulations, and what would be a reasonable dimension? Jody: Blasting is frowned upon. There are many different ways of blasting – different geological formations. I know from working in construction. Typically they are going home to home. Any noticeable cracks are noted ahead of time. We'll get a video inspection of the gravity line. If you are doing shallow blasting, it would seem a good idea to have a pre-imposed camera. How many charges are they setting off?

7:08 p.m. Jason Dubois from Bertin Engineering met with the commission with respect to a preliminary subdivision owned by Patricia Nylin. Mr. Dubois: I'm representing her. This subdivision was before the Planning Board about ten years ago. Run a sewer line off Osgood Road and N. Sturbridge Road to service these house lots, extending the main off Sturbridge Road. Mr. Gagner: Are you looking for permission? Betterment fees may be handed down. Mr. Dubois: Do you have any objections to extending the sewer line? Mr. Gagner: How many feet is the line? Mr. Dubois: 700 feet. We want to put one pipe in. There is a crest at the top of the hill. Jody: The consideration for me isn't about gallonage. My thought is what if they can't feed into the line? A small pump station could be put in. The town would have to accept all of the conditions. A housing development with 15 lots. Mr.

MacKenzie: One submersible? Jody: I won't make the decision. Osgood and N. Sturbridge are 6' – 7' down. Mr. Dubois: There is 7' of pitch. Can't they use smaller E-1 pumps? Who is responsible for clogs in the house? Mr. Lemansky to Mr. Dubois: Perc tests? Mr. Dubois: I haven't done them. We haven't done any testing. Mr. Lemansky: The policy back then and now by the Water & Sewer Commission is that no subdivisions will be allowed to be constructed. When the properties were analyzed, the gallonage was already over 300,000. Special legislation was put into place. The moratorium was put in place. At the time, those people had some anticipation that when they wanted to hook up, they would be able to. Jody: A man came in and said you can't reserve sewer. There is no obligation on us to service a subdivision. I'm only one person. If the door is open,--I can think of two right now. You have to be as fair as possible. Before Steve had left, I asked if he would research the archives and see if there was a vote taken relative to subdivisions. For 15 subdivisions, we have the capacity. I don't know how many people have been charged betterments.

Mr. Lemansky: In 2004, Special Legislation—Weston & Sampson did a study. We did do the extension and are getting better at fixing the holes. Ms. Gagner arrived at 7:27 p.m. Jody to Mr. Lemansky: Who is going to be responsible for the force main? Mr. Lemansky: They would. Jody: What happens when a break or a clog happens between the street and the property line? A pump station is a big expense. You need to look at what's best for the people. We have to live with the sewer. What's going to be best for the sewer and all of the customers? Mr. Gagner: Bertin needs to come up with a plan, and we will need to talk about this. There is plenty of capacity and this board has to decide whether we want to open extensions up to people. Should we come up with a plan for getting the sewerage uphill? We will go over this with our administrator. It is a favorable thing as long as it is fair to the town. When you come back, we should have a full board. Mr. Dubois: At this point, we are just trying to get the permitting done. Meeting with Mr. Dubois ended at 7:35 p.m.

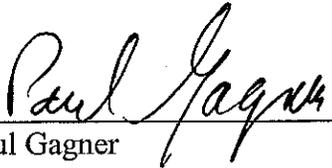
83 Sunset Drive: easement. Mr. Lemansky: I sent an email to everyone. I think this is the easiest way out of it. We allowed it in the beginning. We can't go to the homeowner and tell them how to do it and say they can move the easement. Mr. Gagner: It might save legal fees. Mr. Gagner to Alex: An easement is the way to go. It should have been done before. Mr. MacKenzie: Do we have to verify that there is an as built on the property? There's a 1-1/4" pipe. The Town of Charlton would be the grantor. Mr. Gagner: I have read it all. Mr. Lemansky: I wrote something up. Mr. Lemansky read: "I move that any property that has the ability to connect to water will be responsible for paying the privilege fee, the final cost to be determined using the current edu method." Mr. Gagner: Up to 50%? Mr. Lemansky: I want to add "I move that any property that has the ability to connect to water or increase the use of their properties, and wasn't charged a betterment, will be required to pay a privilege fee." Mr. Lemansky added: "...privilege fees based upon the current water edu method—FAR." Instead of a betterment fee, it will be a privilege fee. We should instruct Steve that we have our own ideas. Jody said to be careful in trying to solve their problem. I think we should request Steve to give management a call about installing something to correct it. Ms. Gagner: Offer some options. Give them suggestions. Instruct Steve to hire an engineering firm to rectify this.

8:03 p.m. Mr. Lemansky: The eastern portion of our water system--we don't have a water source for it yet. We're in agreement with our neighbors—Oxbow Road and Glenmere Road. We will have to be able to communicate with the people as far as daily use; maximum use; peak hours...Mr. Gagner: We would run into the same problem. Mr. Lemansky: We've got some engineering money we can use to have the analysis completed. I'm looking for some funds to do that. Mr. Gagner: We need to speak to the source. The ability can't be determined because we don't have a gallon number. **Mr. Lemansky: I**

make a motion that we fund up to \$2,500.00 for the engineering of the eastern portion of our waterline in Charlton if the funds are available; seconded by Ms. Gagner. Vote: Unanimous.

Ms. Gagner: I make a motion to adjourn with our next meeting being at the sewer treatment plant on October 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. MacKenzie. Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



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