



**TOWN OF MILFORD
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

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MINUTES
December 16, 2014**

The Sewer Commissioners Meeting was called to order at **6:00 P.M.** in room #14 of the Milford Town Hall.

Present: Rudolph Lioce III - Chairman
Richard Cenedella-Commissioner
Thomas Morelli - Commissioner
John Mainini – Superintendent
Jack O’Connell – Tata & Howard
Amanda Cavaliere – Tata & Howard
Jeff Mitchell – Auburn Sewer Superintendent
Kevin Rudden - Town Crier
John Consigli – Administrative Assistant

The Payroll and Bills were signed by the Commissioners.

Mr. Cenedella made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 28, 2014, seconded by Mr. Lioce.

Mr. Morelli made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2014, seconded by Mr. Lioce.

Mr. Cenedella made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from October 28, 2014, seconded by Mr. Lioce.

A motion was made by Morelli to have the next Board of Sewer Commissioner’s Meeting on January 27, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in Room #14 of the Town Hall, seconded by Mr. Lioce.

A motion was made by Mr. Morelli to approve a Site Plan Waiver for 47 Sumner Street as it has no effect on Town Sewer and send a letter to Milford Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Cenedella and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

A motion to approve an Amended Site Plan for 296 West Street as it has no effect on Town Sewer and send a letter to Milford Planning Board made by Mr. Morelli, seconded by Mr. Cenedella and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

A motion to approve a Site Plan Waiver for 89 Main Street pending documented monthly cleanouts and send a letter to Milford Planning Board made by Mr. Cenedella, seconded by Mr. Morelli and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

A motion to approve an Amended Site Plan for 150 East Main Street pending the use of a 6" sewer pipe & proper documentation, meet the Rules and Regulations of the Milford Sewer Department and apply for a Sewer Connection Permit, made by Mr. Morelli, seconded by Mr. Cenedella and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce. A letter will be sent to Milford Planning Board.

A motion was made to approve Sewer Connection Permits for 15 Windsor Road by Mr. Morelli, seconded by Mr. Cenedella and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

Mr. Jeff Mitchell, Sewer Superintendent from Auburn, Massachusetts, approached the Board to inquire about Milford Sewer's Sump Pump Program. This was done to obtain ideas which he may want to implement in the Town of Auburn. His intentions are to remove sump pumps tied into Auburn town sewer in order to alleviate infiltration & inflow. Auburn has popped manholes and has done smoke testing to identify at least 75 illegal sump pump connections. Mr. Mitchell is looking for an alternate approach to the removal of sump pumps other than threatening the home owners with legal action if they do not agree to disconnect.

The Milford Board stated they have had 100% positive feedback with all the work done thus far. Local newspaper articles, notifications left in the resident's doors, printing a statement on the bi-yearly Sewer Use Bills, are some of the methods used by Milford Sewer Department in notifying the residents of the program. The attempt is to make the program as friendly as you can. The work of correcting illegal sump pump tie-ins is offered at no charge to the homeowner. Milford Sewer used money from our departmental budget to fund sump pump removal. The first year of the program, we put it out to bid and acquired the services of a local contractor to do the work. This approach cost the department approximately \$70K - \$80K, and we were very happy and encouraged by the results. In the second year of the program, we purchased a mini excavator, a dump truck and equipment for approximately \$70K. With this equipment, the removals are now done by select employees of the Milford Wastewater Treatment Plant. Illegal hookups are diverted to the storm water system; others are diverted to dry wells; with other methods being utilized depending on the circumstances. The program has removed 120 sump pumps from the sewer system and is extremely successful in removing unwanted water flows from town sewer.

Mr. Mitchell was invited to visit the plant if he has further questions. He is going to return to his Auburn Board with the findings. He thanked the Board for their time and exited the Meeting at **6:55 P.M.**

Mr. O'Connell presented the Board with a Report provided by Town Counsel Moody on the Procurement Options for Sludge Thickening Equipment as documented by the Office of the Inspector General, entitled Proprietary Specifications in Public Construction Projects. Mr. Morelli made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Inspector General to use the Proprietary Specifications in Public Construction Projects when we bid the Sludge Thickening Equipment, seconded by Mr. Cenedella and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

At **7:00 P.M.**, Mr. Morelli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cenedella and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Consigli
Administrative Assistant