



**TOWN OF MILFORD
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
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MINUTES
February 28, 2012**

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

Present: Rudy Lioce III - Chairman
Thomas Morelli - Commissioner
Richard Cenedella - Commissioner
John Mainini – Superintendent
John O’Connell – Tata & Howard
Amanda Cavaliere – Tata & Howard
Philip Ciaramicoli – Milford Finance Committee
Kevin Rudden - Town Crier
John Consigli – Administrative Assistant

The Payroll & Bills were reviewed and signed by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Cenedella to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2012, seconded by Mr. Morelli and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

A motion was made by Mr. Cenedella to have the next Sewer Commissioners Meeting on March 27, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in Room #14 of the Town Hall, seconded by Mr. Morelli and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

At 6:05 P.M., Mr. Philip Ciaramicoli, Chairman of the Milford Finance Committee Sewer Department Subcommittee addressed the Board. Mr. Ciaramicoli stated he has reviewed the FY2013 Budget Proposal as presented by Mr. Mainini. The Finance Committee is recommending a 2% increase in all budgets and the Sewer Department's Budget has increased by 4.7%. We have agreed to put \$100,000 in the Plant Improvement Fund for Sump Pump Removal. You will continue Infiltration and inflow work and pay for a worn Screw Pump as well as make a partial payment for a second worn Screw Pump. Since the Sewer Department is absorbing the ongoing work without the need for added appropriations, Mr. Ciaramicoli stated that his subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend the FY2013 Budget as presented by Mr. Mainini. He added that the agreement with Hopkinton has worked out well. He noted that we have not had a

rate increase in several years, and given the current financial strength of the Department, we should keep the sewer rate the same for FY2013.

Mr. O'Connell advised Mr. Ciaramicoli that Tata and Howard is working on a 20 Year Capital Improvement Plan for the Plant which will be completed in April of 2012. The Master Plan will help the Finance Committee and the Board of Sewer Commissioners look toward the future in budget preparation. Mr. O'Connell will present the plan at a Sewer Commissioners Meeting in April of 2012.

Mr. Ciaramicoli departed the meeting at 6:15 P.M., without any further questions or comments from the Board.

A motion to approve and sign a letter for Paula Fortin, Tax Collector, to correct an error in a Property Tax Bill was made by Mr. Cenedella, seconded by Mr. Morelli and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

Before the next item on the agenda came up, Mr. Cenedella excused himself, left the room and abstained from any discussion or vote. A motion to approve Sewer Connection Permits for #2, #3 & #4 Diego Drive for L & F Building Corporation was made by Mr. Morelli and seconded by Mr. Lioce. Mr. Cenedella abstained.

A motion was made to approve Sewer Connection Permits for #150, #152, #162, & #164 Waldenway, together with #2 & #4 Amanda Circle for Milford Stoneridge LLC by Mr. Morelli, seconded by Mr. Cenedella and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

At 6:20 P.M., Mr. Michael Conneaney approached the Board with regard to his proposed development off Fiske Mill Road and the Sewer Department's Sump Pump Program. He was told that we are putting another \$100,000 into next year's budget for the Sump Pump Program. Infiltration and Inflow work will continue along with the sealing of sewer pipes. We have received an estimate for camera equipment. We would need more bids from competing companies and Town Meeting Approval before we could purchase the equipment. Mr. Conneaney stated that he is paying a lot of money in property taxes and that he is going to keep following the sump pump program with the hope that he can move forward with the development of his property. He stated that he would like to see the Board become more aggressive and fine the offenders who illegally empty their sump pumps into the Milford Sewer System.

Mr. Mainini explained that it is a long slow process to get people to comply with the Sump Pump Regulations and/or to fine them for not doing so. It's going to take time. We should be able to do 22 more sump pump removals with the monies to be appropriated in the FY2013 Budget. That will help.

Mr. Conneaney finished up by saying he was getting frustrated but would continue working with the Board of Commissioners. He said he will come back to another meeting to hear the progress report in the future.

At 6:50 P.M., the Board was approached by Mr. Antonio Costa, owner of 33 East Main Street, regarding a FY2012 Sewer Use Abatement Denial. Showing the Board written proof in the form of a document from the Milford Water Company that he used less water, the Board unanimously voted to grant Mr. Costa an abatement on his FY2012 Sewer Use Bill.

Mrs. Cavaliere stated that Tata and Howard is working on the plan to sell water to National Power Company. The permitting process is taking a long time as the State of Massachusetts makes this procedure a difficult thing. National Power is hoping that they can once again buy water from the Milford Sewer Department. The process of selling sewer effluent water to cool power plants is done all over the world. Mr. Moody, Town Counsel, will review the draft permit before it is submitted to the State.

At 7:05 P.M., Mr. Cenedella made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Morelli and made unanimous by Mr. Lioce.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Consigli
Administrative Assistant