



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Water & Sewer  
Commissioners

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### Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners Minutes of January 10, 2013

The Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners met on January 10, 2013 in the Draper Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Burke, Commissioner Morin and Commissioner Burns.

Chairperson Burke made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00PM.

#### Consent Items

Minutes of the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13<sup>th</sup>, made unanimous by Chairperson Morin.

#### Appointments

- A. Laurie Gildea, 127 Jones Rd. (request to waive late fee) – resident did not attend meeting.

#### New Business

- A. Special Town Meeting Article – A Special Town Meeting will be held the first week of February. Two prior year bills are on the warrant for the Sewer Department, Synagro and North Atlantic Fire as well as an article to move \$152,139 from retained earnings to a water enterprise reserve fund. The use of this funding can only be granted with the Board's approval along with Finance Committee approval. The idea of this transfer is to have access to retained earnings without have to hold a special Town Meeting.
- B. Budgets – Discussions about FY 14 budgets were held. Concerns with the Sewer Department's receivables are a priority. The department may need to hold off on any capital improvements for the year. It is expected to keep the Water Department's level funded.
- C. Fine Screening – The Board was informed that a meeting was held with a company to discuss the fine screening needed at the sewer plant. Tim thinks the

cost of the equipment alone may be around \$25,000 to \$30,000 dollars. This equipment, if purchased, would need to be enclosed and heated.

**Old Business**

- A. Odor Complaint (installation of potassium permanganate) – There were no odor complaints in the month of December but there were two last week. Mr. Otlin was invited to our meeting to discuss his complaints but stated he could not make the meeting and did not see the purpose. There has also been no response from DEP regarding our comments to them regarding the issues. Chairperson Burke was hoping DEP would have contacted us with some suggestions or guidance. The Board was informed of a conversation between Commissioner Burns and Tim about locating the property lines off Pierce Street and possibly installing a fence as well as plant trees and plants in an effort to mask some of the odors.
- B. IFAST System/ Brentwood – Tim stated he read the O & M manual and Brentwood does state that fine screening is needed, but their contract is very specific as to what they were to provide under the terms of the contract. It was also within their proposal and contract that any equipment needed and not listed within the contract would be provided and installed by others.
- C. Other topics not reasonably anticipated by chairman within 48 hours – none

**Correspondence - None**

**Managers Update** – Tim informed the Board that the Water Department has read all the meters and we are about to do the quarterly billing. We are also in the process of finishing up with shutoffs. Tim stated that we are getting into a busy time with yearly reporting. Chairperson Burke mentioned that she felt that the sewer relining is important and would like to see that continue.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Morin and made unanimous by Chairperson Burke.

I attest to the best of my knowledge that this is a true and accurate recording of the minutes of January 10, 2013.

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Timothy Watson, Manager