

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2001  
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Dunbar and Robert Moorehouse. Samuel Briguglio was absent.

GUESTS PRESENT: Supt. Paul Rafuse, Lori Alaimo and Jean Dinon – clerk.

The meeting was opened at 6:50 p.m.

Previously signed warrants for \$2,450.25, \$5,102.53, \$342.77, \$3,901.92 and \$644.04 totaled \$12,441.51. Previously signed payroll warrants for \$2,922.80, \$2,832.17, \$900.00, \$2,832.17, \$2,892.17 and \$2,907.32 totaled \$15,286.63. Minutes of July 10, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

Commissioners read and noted the following correspondence:

- A. Copy of letter to Steven McCurdy, DEP from John Daniels, Earth Tech dated August 15, 2001 re: Calendar year 2001 drinking water project priority list/IUP.
- B. Memo from Board of Selectmen dated September 5, 2001 re: Town charter informational meeting.
- C. Memo from Board of Selectmen dated September 5, 2001 re: Upcoming special town meeting.
- D. Copy of letter from Erica McGrath, Division of Fisheries & Wildlife to Townsend Conservation Commission dated September 6, 2001 re: Notice of intent for project on Old Battery Road.
- E. Letters to Champion Cleaners and Harbor Village Associates, Ltd. from Paul Rafuse dated September 6, 2001 re: Backflow prevention device testing.
- F. Letter to Gary Odoradi from Paul Rafuse dated September 13, 2001 re: Backflow device installed for irrigation at North Middlesex High School (soccer field).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Paul discussed plans for Leahy property. He wants to keep good relations with Mr. Leahy. The South Fitchburg Hunting and Fishing Club want to know if Zone I can be reduced; we need 400' radius. The lease agreement was another issue. Paul Blaine, DEP is going to check on that because of the

amount of water pumped. The lease would have to be a 99 year lease. Paul will rescheduled well testing with Earth Tech and Doug DeNatale.

2. Paul discussed requirements for development at 91 Highland Street. Planning Board and Conservation Commission have problems with approving it because of its proximity to wetlands. Paul called Bill Nunnery, Earth Tech, and he said not to approve anything for development; he wants to see more information. Planning Board wants letter from us re: recirculation filters.
3. Paul discussed meeting with Conservation Commission on August 26, 2001. He sent a letter of intent along with plan. One requirement of DEP is to get a better design plan and show resource areas. Motion made, seconded and approved David Ross Associates, Inc. for \$900.00 for Old Battery Road wetlands plan re: Water main installation.
4. Paul discussed complaints of rusty water at town hall. When the town hall was renovated, the sprinkler systems had to be updated. The domestic service comes off of sprinkler system. Paul is to continue to do flushing. Paul will send a letter to selectmen stating that town hall will be flushed for a few months. If the problem is not resolved, other options will have to be sought such as looping to main, etc.
5. Paul discussed water district formation survey. John Daniels, Earth Tech wants us to split up districts among the board members to look them over and report back. Each board member will get five districts.
6. Paul reported that progress is being made at booster station on West Meadow Road. He suggested that a meeting be set up between himself, Ron Koivu Bill Gallerini and Brett King as to what's going to happen. Paul wants to get copy of plans and will have Bill look at them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made, seconded and approved Appl. #581, Lori Alaimo, 6 Todd Drive, 1" service.
2. Motion made, seconded and accepted bid for Ford 450 for \$39,744.00 from Townsend Ford.
3. Paul discussed articles for town meeting. One article is for Commissioner stipends. The other article is to amend the salaries and wages of employees to reflect Water Department wage matrix.

4. Paul reported of doing meter reading this month.
5. Paul reported that 270 meters are left to be installed.
6. Paul reported that Ron Eggleston started classes for D1 and that Ron and Michael MacEachern will be taking exams in November.
7. Paul reported that Mike Ohl, EarthTech will do C-flow tests on September 26, 2001 from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This will give information on the condition of mains.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is October 9, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. Dinon, Clerk