

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 6, 2013  
MEETING ROOM Kitchen**

Present: Jared Adams, Brian Antonioli, Jeff Weise,  
Ron Sharpin, Doug Valovcin

Present: Peter Caruso (Sherborn Selectman), Paul Saulnier, Bill Dowd,  
Joe O'Connell (MetroWest Daily reporter), Bob Gargano

**Meeting began at 5:30pm**

**RISING TIDE DEVELOPMENT**

Rising Tide is a condominium development in Sherborn with 185 bedrooms. Four foundations are expected to be installed by the end of March 2013.

Bob Gargano of Rising Tide appeared before the board to request the purchase of water from the Holliston Water Department for the development. Sherborn does not have a municipal water system.

Awaiting the arrival of developer Josh Posner, Mr. Gargano presented the site plan. Paul Saulnier provided a history of the development (also known as Whitney Farms) because he was a Water Commissioner at the time that the board voted to supply water to the development. A subsequent Board of Water Commissioners withdrew the offer.

Mr. Weise cited several upcoming building projects that will increase water needs of the town, including the "Bird Property" on Marshall Street and Fafard/Toll Brothers development on Mohawk Path.

Josh Posner, developer of Rising Tide, arrived at 5:43pm.

Mr. Valovcin requested more details on water main replacements and fire hydrant positions. Mr. Gargano offered a meeting with their Civil Engineers to accommodate this request. Mr. Posner and Mr. Gargano were invited to the next board meeting with the requested information.

Jay Leary, Jay Marsden, Carl Damigella, and Paul LeBeau arrived at 6:00pm.

Mr. Posner, Mr. Caruso, and Mr. Gargano left at 6:00pm.

**SEARCH FOR WATER SUPERINTENDENT – WITH SELECTMEN**

The Selectmen appeared before the board to persuade the Board of Water Commissioners to delay their search for a new Water Superintendent until after the Annual Town Meeting in May 2013. They also requested that candidates for the position be informed that the Selectmen's plan to put the creation of a Department of Public Works on the Warrant for that Town Meeting. When Selectmen suggested that the Water Superintendent's position be split into two positions (DPW Director and part-time Water Superintendent), Mr. Weise said that he had not seen any cost justification and that the Water Department requires a full-time Water Superintendent,

The Board of Water Commissioners told Selectmen that they did not see any reason to change to a DPW structure because previous studies have shown that there is no advantage to the town

Mr. Marsden re-iterated the Selectmen's request that the Board of Water Commissioners refrain from a final decision on a new Water Superintendent until after a Town Meeting vote on the creation of a Department of Public Works at the Annual Town Meeting this May.

Mr. O'Connell left at 6:36pm.

Mr. Conley, Mr. Marsden, Mr. Leary, Mr. LeBeau, and Mr. Dowd left at 6:46pm

Dave Keating arrived at 6:46pm.

### **FIRE HYDRANT LISTS**

Dave Keating updated the board on his progress on the consolidation of four lists of hydrant locations into one list. He has completed the consolidation and submitted it to Mr. Valovcin. Mr. Keating has indicated one the report which streets need visual verifications.

### **WATER DEPARTMENT LETTER**

Mr. Weise presented a draft letter to be sent to Selectmen in response to their request to delay the search for a new Water Superintendent.

After review, the board agreed to send the letter.

Mr. Weise made a motion: **“Motion to accept and send the draft letter to the Selectmen concerning a delay in hiring a Water Superintendent”**

**Mr. Adams seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Weise, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Antonioli voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Adams will sign the letter.

### **MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee has requested a meeting on March 14, 2013 with the Board of Water Commissioners to discuss their Fiscal Year budget for 2014.

Paul Saulnier left at 7:00pm

### **AGED ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES**

The board has received a report on Aged Account Receivables from the Office Manager. The list includes property owners whose accounts are more than 120 days overdue. The board decided to send postcards to those property owners.

### **MINUTES REVIEW**

The minutes of January 9, 2013 were distributed to board members.

No minutes were reviewed at the meeting.

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

Site Plan of Rising Tide Development in Sherborn  
Billing/Receipts February 2011 through January 2013  
Letter from Chairman Jared Adams to Town Selectmen dated 2/1/13  
Letter from Town Selectmen to Board of Water Commissioners 1/30/13  
Draft letter to Selectmen  
Complaint Log

**INVOICES AND CHANGE ORDERS**

Invoices and change orders were signed at the meeting.

Mr. Adams made a motion: **“Motion to adjourn”**

**Mr. Weise seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Adams, Mr. Weise, and Mr. Antonioli voted in favor of the motion.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

**Next BWC meeting – WEDNESDAY, February 20, 2013 at 6:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating  
Clerk

Approved 4/10/13 as written