

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2013**  
**MEETING ROOM Kitchen**

Present: Brian Antonioli, Jeff Weise,  
Ron Sharpin (Doug Valovcin and Mr. Adams did not attend)

Present: Jackie Napolitano  
Bob Gargano, Rising Tide Development

**Meeting began at 6:00pm**

**RISING TIDE DEVELOPMENT**

Bob Gargano of Rising Tide Development in Sherborn appeared before the board with site plan of the proposed development. Mr. Weise gave a history of the development of Well#7 which is located on Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) property. Part of the lease agreement with the ACOE stipulates that the Holliston Water Department cannot sell water to any other entity. Mr. Sharpin said that the ACOE granted the lease because they realized that the town needs more water. He will contact his ACOE liaison to inform them on the request from Rising Tide. During the board meeting on February 6, 2013, the board questioned whether the town has sufficient capacity to even consider selling water. Mr. Sharpin tonight announced that the department does have the capacity.

Mr. Gargano said that the developers believe that details can be worked out and they want to continue to pursue a connection to the Holliston water supply. They will wait the response from the ACOE.

Mr. Antonioli questioned the site plans for water pipes which indicated “dead-ends” that would impeded the department’s ability to flush fire hydrants adequately. Mr. Gargano assured him that the developers could accommodate the Water Department’s requests.

**WATER BILLS – AGED ACCOUNTS**

The board discussed part-due accounts with Jackie Napolitano, Water Department Principal Clerk. They decided to send friendly reminders in the form of post-cards to property owners who have overdue balances greater than 120 days since July 1, 2013 which is the start of this Fiscal Year. Property owners who have unpaid balances prior to that date have been put on lien by the Town Treasurer. The postcards would be sent once every quarter.

Mr. Sharpin was instructed to change the next bills to list “PAST-DUE” instead of “ARREARS” and the operating hours to reflect the new hours of the Water Department. The board also requested that the bills reflect the following categories for past-due accounts: “>30” “31-60” “61-90” and “>120”.

**ECHOLOGICS**

John Marciszewski of ECHOLOGICS appeared before the board to tell them that Federal funding for water main pipe replacement has not yet materialized.

Ms Napolitano left at 6:37pm.  
Mr. Marciszewski left at 6:40pm.

### **COLORED WATER**

Mr. Sharpin informed the board that an irate homeowner called to complain about his high water bill. The homeowner had flushed his hot water tank using about 3,100 gallons (400 cubic feet), and was asking the department to reimburse him. Board members estimated that only several gallons would have been needed to flush that tank. The department's RULES AND REGULATIONS dictate that the department is not liable.

The board agreed that they would not reimburse the homeowner. Mr. Sharpin will inform the homeowner of their decision.

### **WELL #4- STATUS**

The ACTIFLOW SYSTEM has arrived at the Treatment Plant at Well#4 and has been installed.

### **WELL #6 – TREATMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Margaret Webber of DEP reviewed the department's ACTION PLAN for Well#6 with Mr. Sharpin, Mr. Valovcin, and Ali Parand of AP Associates. She also visited the Treatment Plant with them. They expect to learn her decision on the plan soon.

### **WATER BILL INSERT**

The Selectmen have requested that the Water Department insert an announcement about mercury recovery in their next water bill. They said that there would be no cost to the department for the insertion.

### **WATER SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH –STATUS**

The Board of Water Commissioners has requested the requirements of the Director of Public Works position as well as the organizational structure of the Department of Public Works that are proposed by the Selectmen.

### **JANUARY WATER USAGE**

The board requested that Mr. Sharpin add "January Water Usage" to the next regular board meeting's agenda.

### **TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

The department will place the following articles for FY14 Budget on the Town Meeting Warrant for May 2013:

- purchase of a new vehicle
- an additional employee

**WELL #4- AMENDMENT #1**

The board signed Amendment #1 of AECOM's request for additional work at Well#4 Treatment Plant.

**MINUTES REVIEW**

No minutes were reviewed at the meeting.

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

Site Plan of Rising Tide Development

**INVOICES AND CHANGE ORDERS**

Invoices and change orders were signed at the meeting.

Mr. Weise made a motion: "**Motion to adjourn**"

**Mr. Antonioli seconded the motion.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Keating  
Clerk

Approved 5/6/13 as written