

**Tyngsborough Sewer Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2013 6:00 pm
Location: Tyngsborough Town Hall, Inspectional Dept.**

Commissioners Attending: Jeff Hannaford (JH), Gerry Foley (GF), Fred Perrault (FP)
Also attending: Allen Curseaden (AC), Superintendent, Caryn DeCarteret (CD), Administrator
Corey Lambert, Selectman
Rosemary Blacquier and Bob Rafferty, Woodard & Curran

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Hannaford at 6:02 PM.

Item 1) Woodard & Curran

- a. **Proposed contract for the Middlesex Road area pump station:** Per Bob Rafferty, the schedule will be off by approximately one month. They are waiting on the contract with David Prince and WSP Sells.
**Gerry Foley made a public disclosure that the company he works for, Watermark Environmental, does work with WSP Sells.
- b. **CY2013 State Revolving Fund:** State has not released the final list of approved projects. W&C believes that Tyngsborough will move up on the list as it is currently listed 5 below fundable. Discussion regarding scheduling of final release and Town Meeting requirements. Bob Rafferty explained that W&C believes Phase IW to be viable based on the preliminary design with an approximate cost of \$4 mil. Discussion regarding the fly over and survey completion and need for a fall Town Meeting warrant. Rosemary Blacquier suggested public outreach prior to Town Meeting, since Tyngsborough Commons, Tyngsborough Crossing and Brinley Terrace would all be looking to connect to sewer upon the expansion.
- c. **General Services with Nashua & Lowell:** Negotiations between TSC and Nashua have stalled somewhat according to JH. AC spoke with Mario from Nashua Wastewater regarding a viability study that will be performed by Nashua for increase of flow from Hudson, Tyngsborough and Merrimack. Nashua is looking for a financial contribution from the three communities to offset the cost of the study. Discussion regarding the possible location of a pump station for the northern section of Middlesex Road going into Nashua, wet well size and use of VFDs to aid in the amount of flow capacity which would be required from Nashua. 150,000 gallons per day to start with an eventual increase to 350,000. Rosemary Blacquier spoke with regard to Nashua's current capacity being at 80% and the need for additional capacity planning being necessary. If Nashua is already at 80% and the planning is required, the surrounding contributing towns should not have to financially contribute. Discussion regarding the capacity on the Dracut side of the river. Hudson could potentially use the excess Dracut capacity in exchange for Tyngsborough utilizing the flow into Nashua which was allocated to Hudson. So far in preliminary discussions, Hudson was open to the idea. Another scenario could be to take the current excess flow into Dracut which runs to Lowell, and move it so that it could be utilized for Middlesex Road which would flow to Chelmsford and then run to Lowell. Per AC Tyngsborough and Nashua are considering conducting a railroad study off of exit 36. Per Selectman Lambert, the recent elections in New Hampshire seem to have revitalized the interest in the railroad expansion. Rosemary Blacquier spoke about a shovel ready MassWorks infrastructure grant which may be applicable, assuming an agreement between Tyngsborough and Nashua can be negotiated. GF suggested speaking with Allen Mello to determine if there has been any movement on the Nashua side.

Item 2) Citizens' Time

None

Item 3) Administrator's Report (copy of report attached)

1. Minutes: 1/10/13, 1/24/13, 2/14/13, 2/28/13 & 3/14/13:
GF: Motion to approve minutes from 1/10/13, 1/24/13, 2/14/13, 2/28/13 & 3/14/13 as written.
Second: FP
Motion carries 3-0-0
2. Commitments: 21, 23, 22A & 22B:
Commitments signed

Item 4) Superintendent's Report (Copied from attached report)

1. Performed inspections at the pump stations as required. Generators are tested every Wednesday, along with control panel inspections.
2. Tested all generators and inspect emergency equipment for response if needed.
3. Superintendent is out due to an injury. I will attend the meeting if possible
4. Alarm Calls:
 - a) Flints Station, main gravity line on Dunstable Rd over surging from the flow. It appears that the combination of flow from Bridge Meadow and Wynbrook had overloaded the line and filled the manholes. I have been working with the VFD's to lower the RPM's in order to dissipate at a lower rate. I will follow up in the future.
 - b) Elm Street, Monday night we had a transducer failure. Paul responded and operated the system by hand. I responded and worked with Paul to place the system on manual floats for the night. I contacted Weston & Sampson the following morning and asked for them to assist Paul in changing out the transducer (we had a replacement in stock). The Station is back in normal running mode. Time on call 8:30 pm finished at 10:00 pm. Weston & Sampson's time the next day 4 hrs.
 - c) Call from Nashua Waste Water: Mario called regarding a capacity study that Nashua plans on performing. They are looking for financial support from Tyngsborough in the engineering cost. They also have Hudson and Merrimack participating in the cost. This study will give them an idea on what the upgrade costs will be. Allowing a number for the IMA cost. The participation they are looking for from Tyngsborough would be around \$5,000,00 to 10,000. The amount of flow discussed was 150,000 to start and going to 350,000 on our total build out.

Thank you
Allen Curseaden

JH asked AC about his injury. AC replied that he had hurt his back while moving fuel containers at the garage. A worker's comp claim had been opened and he was hoping to get a doctor's note to return to light duty.

Item 5) Correspondence

None

Item 6) Complaints

None

Item 7) New Business

AC mentioned that he has had a couple of inquiries with regard to connecting to sewer and has made mention of the covenant to the residents.

Item 8) Old Business

1. GF asked CD about the status of the MCPPO training. CD had sent in the registration form and was waiting to hear back.

2. FP asked AC if he had made a decision regarding the Tahoe from the Police Department. AC said he had not as of yet. He knew that brakes were needed. He believes that the Tahoe would make a good camera vehicle. FP asked if the Explorer was currently at the garage. AC answered that it was. FP asked if he was planning to retire the Explorer if the Tahoe proved to be useful since there is no need to have more vehicles than could be utilized. AC indicated that he was not. JH told AC that he would be expected to choose between the Tahoe and the Explorer, he was free to pick whichever one he felt was more appropriate for his needs however. JH asked about insurance coverage on the vehicles and indicated that it was expected that all vehicles were to have blue plates. AC said all vehicles except his would have blue plates. AC said that he would not be replacing the plates on the Taurus and that a grievance had been filed. AC also suggested that Michael Gilleberto attend the next meeting to further discuss the issue.

FP: Motion to request that the Town Administrator Michael Gilleberto attend the next meeting to discuss the plate issue.

Second: GF.

The motion carried: 3-0-0.

Item 9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm was made by FP. Second: GF. The motion carried 3-0-0.