

Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board  
December 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Newton Utility Advisory Board was held on December 16, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Newton Municipal Building, 39 Trinity Street, Newton. Chairman Lawler called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Ms. Unhoch, Mr. Vrahnos, and Chairman Lawler. Mr. David Simmons, Engineer, Mr. Joseph Carr, Senior Water/Sewer repair, and Mrs. Debi Millikin, Deputy Town Manager, were also in attendance.

Chairman Lawler read the Open Public Meetings Act statement and moved to approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting. Chairman Lawler motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Vrahnos. The minutes were approved with an "aye" vote.

Chairman Lawler then moved to the first order of new business which was for James Frey/Citgo of 40 Sparta Ave. who was requesting a waiver of excess sewer charges due to a water leak that did not go through the sewer. After a brief discussion, Chairman Lawler motioned to approve the request and it was seconded by Mrs. Unhoch. The request was unanimously approved by an "aye" vote.

There being no more new business, Chairman Lawler then commented that Morris Lake was 24 inches below the spillway according to Mrs. Millikin. He then asked Mr. Carr about the Wastewater Treatment Plant and he stated that the roof bids are in and bids are out for drives and tank covers.

Mr. Simmons then gave the engineer's report. He stated that the Morris Lake dam inspection report is going in and phase one of lower Glen Lake blow off has begun. Phase two will begin in 2016. Mr. Simmons went on to speak about maintenance bonds with Maple and Howard Street release bonds, and that he also met with NJDEP on allocation. He is waiting for a response. Regarding Fox Hollow Lake, Mr. Simmons stated that Mrs. Millikin, Ms. Leo and he met with the homeowners association of Fox Hollow Lake and Mr. Dagget on the transmission main project. He explained also that the 7-11 project in Sparta is moving forward with submittals. Mr. Simmons advised them of an issue with a valve manufactured in China. Town responded that valves would be manufactured and made in the USA. Lead time would be required for fittings. Mrs. Millikin indicated the Town was specific on the requirements for the system and a discussion ensued.

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The discussion moved to Grade Villaggio and that the sewer connection is underway at this point. Mr. Vrahnos expressed concern about the machine and Mrs. Millikin stated that the contractors have been responsive.

Finally Mr. Simmons stated that they televised the 42" storm drain pipe in the cemetery

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Lawler motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Vrahnos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
Jacki Shackleton