

Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board
March 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Newton Utility Advisory Board was held on March 17, 2015 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. Jacki Shackleton, Utility Collector, were also in attendance.

Chairman Lawler read the Open Public Meetings Act statement and moved to approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2015 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 Rada Marjanovic of 47 Woodside Ave. Ms. Marjanovic was appealing water charges for usage that was picked up when her meter was changed in 2014. After a brief discussion regarding the customer's account, Chairman Lawler asked Mr. Carr if her meter is currently working properly and her read out is correct. Mr. Carr explained that she now has a radio remote meter not requiring a read out, and the readings are consistent with her history. Chairman Lawler motioned to credit Ms. Marjanovic \$200 for the excess charges. Ms. Unhoch seconded and the motion was approved with an "aye" vote.

There being no more new business, Chairman Lawler asked Mr. Carr about the water filtration plant. Mr. Carr stated that Morris Lake was 18 inches below the spillway. He continued to say that the plant is running smoothly. Chairman Lawler inquired about the wastewater treatment plant and Mr. Carr stated that the ice is melting and all is well. Mr. Vrahnos inquired about a sewer issue in front of the Quick Check and a brief discussion took place.

In his engineers report, Mr. Simmons said that the water conservation plan update showed 10.7 % unaccounted for water. He further stated that the wetlands permit for Fox Hollow was submitted and Chairman Lawler inquired as to how long it would take. Mr. Simmons stated that it would take two months, after the spring thaw. Mr. Simmons briefly discussed the Pine Swamp allocation also. Regarding 85 Sparta Ave. LLC, Mr. Simmons stated that the Shell Station is anxious to begin. They have the parts and are making plans to shut the valves off. They would like to do it before

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Memorial Day in order to put less of a strain on the Sparta Water System when people are outside using more water. There is a preconstruction meeting next week to get everyone on the same page. He continued to say that a permit needs to be filed with the Delaware River Conservation because one drop of water in Newton ultimately travels all the way to the Delaware River. He stated that ironically, Morris Lake water ultimately travels to the Hudson River. Mr. Simmons stated that although our water travels to the Delaware, we do not take anything from the Delaware.

Mr. Vrahnos asked if the old Shell Station is going to remain until we do our pipe work and Mr. Simmons explained that it needs to be moved so the tanks are not on top of our mains. Chairman Lawler added that if they leave the building up, they can get bearings of where things are located in the snow. Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Carr if the mains run under the pipes now, and Mr. Carr answered affirmatively.

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 8:05.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Jacki Shackleton