

Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board  
July 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the Newton Utility Advisory Board was held on July 25, 2016 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: Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Carchia, 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 called the meeting to order and moved to approval of the minutes from the April 19, 2016 meeting. Mr. Lockwood motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Carchia. The minutes were unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

Chairman Lawler moved to the first order of new business which was for RPM hookup and sanitation on the corner of Union Place and Spring Street. The engineer from RPM stated that it would be a four-story building with parking under the building. Some parking spaces for the Town would remain. There would be 65 residential units, a common area and finally a commercial space. Chairman Lawler proposed to approve the fees of \$590,800 less a credit for \$75,600 recommended by the Town for existing service, for a total of \$515,280. Mr. Carchia motioned to accept the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lockwood. It was unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The second order of business was for the proposed Dunkin Donuts at 65 Sparta Avenue. The proposal was to increase the existing 3/4" line to 1-1/4". Mr. Simmons pulled out the site plans and discussed the location of the drive-thru as well as the parking and landscaping. He proposed fees of \$18,407.50 which was based on the usage of the existing Dunkin Donuts on the other side of town. Chairman Lawler proposed approval of usage and fees, and a motion was made by Mr. Carchia. Mr. Lockwood seconded and it was unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The third order of business was for Matthew Cammaroto of 2 Club Road. After receiving a low-usage letter, his meter was changed and showed that the

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readout had been slowing down. He had received a high bill and was unable to satisfy the whole balance. He requested that the penalty on the open portion be waived. After a brief discussion, Chairman Lawler stated concerns that the balance would linger. Mrs. Shackleton stated that the customer would be informed that any unpaid balance after September 30, 2016 would be subject to 10% penalty. Mr. Lockwood motioned to waive the \$45.86 penalty and Mr. Carchia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The fourth order of business was for Evoca Ltd. located at 5 Academy Street. The Post Office did not deliver the bill, and waiver of the fee was requested. Chairman Lawler motioned to deny the request as has been done in the past with inconsistencies of the post office. Mr. Carchia seconded and it was unanimously denied with an "aye" vote.

The final order of business was for Brian Mastrelli of 6 & 6 ½ Liberty Street who was requesting waiver of late fee because payment was received on July 1, 2016. Chairman Lawler stated that at one point or another all of the members of the Board have paid a penalty for being one day late and motioned to deny the request. Mr. Carchia seconded and the motion was unanimously denied with an "aye" vote.

There being no more new business, Chairman Lawler asked about the water filtration plant. Mr. Carr stated that Morris Lake is 30 inches below the spillway. A brief discussion was had about complaints regarding the water restriction. Chairman Lawler asked if there have been any algae issues and Mr. Carr stated that there has not. He said that all is well both at the wastewater treatment plant and water treatment plant.

In his engineer's report, Mr. Simmons stated that he had a meeting with the "new" water department crew and went over maps and pressure zones by the 711/517 by pass. The crew now has ipads in every truck, but the information may not accurately depict line size.

He stated that Auto Zone is going in the old Pizza Hut space, but they will

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use the existing water line. A new tap was installed on Liberty Street and the existing line was capped. They are hoping to be finished before paving commences. There was a pre bid meeting for Fox Hollow on Monday, and Dustin and Jason will be cutting the brush in that area. He plans to get back to them on Friday. Work will begin after Labor Day and hopefully be done by October 1, 2016, with a possible extension to November 15, 2016. Regarding Dam Site 2, they are finishing the plans to get the permit from DEP. Finally, he stated that the service leak on West End Avenue by Condit Street has been repaired. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
Jacki Shackleton