

Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board  
July 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Newton Utility Advisory Board was held on July 18, 2017 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. Vrahnos, and Mr. Carchia. Mr. David Simmons, Engineer, and Mrs. Jacki Shackleton, Utility Collector, were also in attendance.

Chairman Lawler opened the meeting and began with approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting. Mr. Vrahnos motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Carchia. The minutes were unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The first order of new business was for Kelly Tatro of 103 Lake Avenue who was requesting a waiver of penalty for the first quarter due to a death in the family. Chairman Lawler motioned to approve the request and Mr. Carchia seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The second order of business was for Sanjay Jain of 238 Spring Street. Dr. Jain had a leak in the first quarter of 2017, and the high usage carried over into the second quarter of 2017. He was requesting waiver of sewer charges from the residual usage from the leak. Chairman Lawler asked if the leak had been repaired. Mrs. Shackleton stated that it had not been fixed, but the water had been turned off. She further stated that there has been no additional usage since the discovery of the leak. Chairman Lawler motioned to approve the motion and was seconded by Mr. Vrahnos. The request was unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

In Mr. Carr's absence, Mrs. Shackleton reported that things are running smoothly at both the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In his engineer's report, Mr. Simmons stated that Fox Hollow Lake is in full service. The goal was to have everything flush, but they ran into a lot of rock on the west side and did the best that they could. He continued on to say that the trees were planted and nothing was left in disrepair.

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Mr. Simmons then gave a history of all of the pump stations leading into and located in Town and stated that they are being proactive in the event of another drought. Mr. Simmons then spoke about the lead and copper sampling sites. He stated that there are currently 40 sampling sites of which they are using 20 of the sites right now. They are required to establish 20 more sites in case they are needed in the future. Mr. Simmons then briefly discussed dam site #2 and the three storm water control basins that lead down under the County Seat Restaurant. There was brief discussion of 85 Sparta Avenue and the prospective new driveway.

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Lawler motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vrahnos.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jacki Shackleton