

Water Commission Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Raymond Bahr, Bill Milardo, Catherine DeNunzio, Renee P. Edwards, Robert Dynia
ABSENT: James McLaughlin, Brad Wilkinson, Patricia Crowley

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

R. Bahr reported that J. McLaughlin met with the contractor and Dan Lesnieski yesterday regarding work schedule. They will very shortly connect service to existing customers on Fowler Avenue, Cherry Lane, and Maple Ave. Letters were sent to these customers about prior work on the new main.

Non-customers along the new main will be sent a letter offering the opportunity to have a line put to their property (curb stop) While work is being done for existing customers. This will be the most economical time to request a curb stop because it can be done before the permanent paving done. They can connect to the system at once or at a later date and can have the connection made by CT Water or a local plumber. I am awaiting word from CT Water Co concerning the estimated cost to have a curb stop put in (probably around \$1500.00 before paving is completed).

Work will begin on White Farm soon after the new year, weather permitting.

The town is close to having an easement agreed upon with the Durham Fair Association for the booster station. The booster station will be relocated slightly southward in order to allow room for the Fair to move the section of the road that is on town property on to Fair property should they ever have to do so.

JILL PHILIPS; PRESIDENT, LEXINGTON PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

A letter from Jill Philips regarding concerns at Lexington Place was addressed to the First Selectmen and provided to the Water Commission for consideration. All agreed to address the letter at the next meeting.

DAVID ZEMELSKY; ORGANIC FARMER, DISCUSSION OF CONNECTING TO WATER SYSTEM

David Zemelsky lives on Fowler Lane and has 1 cultivated acre that he farms. His water needs are approximately 500 to 700 gallons per day during the months of June, July, August, and part of September. His current well yields less than 2 gallons per minute, which is sufficient for this home needs. He would like to consider connecting to the water system for his agricultural use, only.

B. Milardo stated that he would have to address this with the DPH due to regulations that may require the disconnection of the current well if connecting to the public water system. The need for a back-flow device will also be discussed with DPH.

STATUS OF MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS TO (3) SYSTEMS

B. Milardo reported that the annual sanitary survey of the 3 water public water systems would be conducted in the near future by DPH. In anticipation of this, Bill visited the sites and reported several items that needed attention to Connecticut Water Company, who also had a list of items that needed attention. With help from Public Works, B. Milardo reported that the following repairs were completed:

- 1) Cherry Lane Pump House: an inoperable light fixture was replaced.

2) Trinity Complex: a) hole in steel casing was repaired; b) well cap that was askew due to disruption during haying activities now has a pipe extended beyond the surface to alert people of the well's existence.

3) Lexington Place: a) rusty valve assembly in pump house was cleaned and painted; b) roof drains reworked; c) rodent problems addressed.

4) Cozy Corner: locking device replaced.

B. Milardo noted that small costs were associated with these repairs. He discussed 2 items that need additional attention:

1) Trinity Complex: well cap needs replacing, which involves electrical wiring. B. Milardo will contact Connecticut Water Company for a quote on this job, which shouldn't take more than 1 hour.

2) Cozy Corner: pump house entry to the pit needs repair. B. Milardo and R. Bahr to review.

NEXT YEARS MEETING DATES AND LOCATION OF MEETING

Members agreed to meet the second Thursday of every month in 2007 at the library. C. DeNunzio will schedule the meetings with the library. The dates of the meetings are as follows:

January 11	April 12	July 12	October 11
February 8	May 10	August 9	November 8
March 8	June 14	September 13	December 13

DURHAM WATER COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS; UPDAATE ON REVISIONS

B. Dynia provided the final handbook for a last review. He also provided CDs for those who wanted to view the document on their computer. R. Bahr suggested that some consideration be given to agricultural issues that may arise (as was the case at this meeting) since the handbook doesn't address these issues. An amendment to the handbook may be needed before finalization. The handbook will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Dynia notified members of a chlorine smell in his water after some work had been done on the water system. B. Dynia also asked about the outcome of water analyses that were performed throughout the year. B. Milardo explained that all results from analyses are delivered to his office in Town Hall. Home owners are notified only if there is a problem.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Renee Edwards, Secretary