

**MFN Regional Wastewater Meeting  
February 5, 2019**

**MEETING MINUTES**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mansfield: Michael Trowbridge  
Mansfield: Jess Aptowitz  
Norton: Mike Yunits, MFN Chairman  
Norton: Diane McElligott  
Foxboro: Richard Pacella

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Lee Azinheira

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Foxboro: Chris Gallagher, MFN Vice Chairman  
Mansfield: Betty Peter, MFN Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: John Stanbrook, MFN Treasurer  
Chris Rositer, MFN  
David Young, CDM Smith  
Renee Gauthier, Secretary

**1) Approval of Meeting Minutes (1-8-19)**  
Discussion:

**Motion:** To approve Meeting Minutes of 1-8-19.  
(Trowbridge/Aptowitz); 4 in favor; McElligott abstained.

**2) Update of Construction Projects**

a) Contract No.1 - WPCF Upgrade and Expansion Project

Lee provided information in packet for the meeting. They are continuing to work on the punch list. Chris emailed Tony Bonilla of CDM Smith with a couple more issues, he said mostly regarding the HVAC. Jess inquired if it is too early to set a date for the open house as previously discussed. A tentative date was set for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> around 9:30 AM, the dedication at 10:00 AM. Lee said he will have a draft list for the next meeting of who will be invited.

- b) Contract No. 2 - Infiltration Basins & Fruit St Landfill Cap and Closure  
Lee explained that he and Tony Bonilla of CDM Smith had a meeting with G. Lopes to review the paperwork and what still needed to be done and submitted. He said they plan to get things wrapped up before the March meeting and send the invoices to close the project out. Dave Young said they are sending a letter to the Norton Conservation Department to request an extension to the order of conditions for both projects.

### 3) Approval of Bills

Discussion:

**Motion:** To approve Capital Expense Warrant 19-25 in the amount of \$511,730.90. (Trowbridge/Pacella); all in favor; unanimous.

Discussion:

**Motion:** To approve Expense Warrant 19-26 in the amount of \$182,975.32. (Trowbridge/Aptowitz); all in favor; unanimous.

Discussion: Lee explained the warrant was \$1,500 less than originally submitted and new total is \$233,010.86. Diane inquired about the hazardous training renewals, why some were \$5.00 more. Chris explained it is for a wallet card and Rich Pacella explained they are supposed to have them on their person, so the wallet card would work better for that purpose.

**Motion:** To approve Expense Warrant 19-27 in the amount of \$233,010.86. (Trowbridge/Aptowitz); all in favor; unanimous.

### 4) Community Updates

a) Mansfield

Nothing new to report. Lee said they sold an old truck that has been replaced for \$5,100.00, which will be put into the MFN revenues.

b) Foxborough

Nothing new to report.

c) Norton

Mike gave an update on the West Main Street Sewer Project. He explained that the State wants the sewer main down middle of the road, so now more paving will be required, curb to curb, and may need to go back to Town Meeting for additional fund approval.

5) Request for New Sewer Connection to Interceptor in Norton – Blue Star Business Park  
The proposed project will be located at the intersection of Leonard Street and East Main Street. Lee explained that the reason for this presentation to the MFN Commission is because they are proposing to connect into the interceptor, which is owned by the MFN. Jess inquired if Norton has enough capacity to cover the existing flows and the additional proposed flow. Mike said Norton has enough capacity available for the proposed project. Mark Dibb of Condyne Engineering and Frank DiPietro of BSC Group presented their proposed sewer plan. MFN Commissioners asked some questions about the sewer force main, where it went to gravity flow and how it was connecting to the interceptor. Rich stated that the MFN Commission is concerned about actual connection into the interceptor, not how the rest of the project is proposed as that is all the MFN would be approving; all other matters pertaining to the project would go through the Town of Norton. Mike Trowbridge stated he will be abstaining from any vote. Diane suggested putting a vote aside until the flows and further detailed information for the project are available. Rich explained that the flow is not a concern of the MFN Commission but that everything else pertaining to the proposed project should be going through Norton for approval. Diane said her concern was if the flow is high, that some engineering may be needed for analysis of the interceptor and just wants to be sure that the proposed connection would not cause issues at the interceptor. Dave suggested an MFN policy on how to address these types of connections to be developed. The local town where flow is coming from should submit a letter to MFN with documented detailed information regarding the proposed projects, flow requests clearly stated and the respective Town's approval prior to meeting with MFN. Lee said he and Chris had discussed that they would like any new connections be set up with SCADA so that the plant can see what flows are coming from where. Mike suggested that Lee and Dave Young work on a policy. Contractors will reach out to Lee and Norton to schedule field inspection of sewer manhole.

6) Update of Main Switch Replacement

Lee said that the main switch and wiring have been ordered. He put together a letter for DOC for total cost of manual labor and all costs they will be held responsible for. Mike inquired how much the total costs are; Lee said the cost is approximately \$46,000 for the switch, wiring and installation. John inquired if any insurance money will be coming. Lee explained that any money from the contractors insurance needs to be paid to MFN and MFN will pay for the repairs. Lee said he sent a letter of thanks to the Mansfield Municipal Electric Department, which was included in the meeting packet email.

7) Executive Director's Report  
Nothing new to report.

8) Any Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours Prior To This Meeting

Jess stated he would like to extended sympathies on behalf of the MFN Commission for the loss of Lee's wife.


9) Future Agenda Items –

10) Next Meeting – March 5, 2019, 6PM

**Motion:** To adjourn at 6:40 PM.  
(Trowbridge/Aptowitz); all in favor; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Peter

  
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Signature of District Secretary

  
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Date of Acceptance