



TOWN OF HALIFAX, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2019

7:00 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to open the meeting.
Seconded by Daniel Bosworth

Motion Passes

Present: Daniel O. Bosworth, Jr., Clerk
Donald A. Bosworth, Member
Keith Swanson, Superintendent
Kathleen O'Neil, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Minutes

Donald Bosworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 12, 2019, as written.
Second by Daniel Bosworth.

Motion Passes

Alan Dias – Potential New Water Service Gold Street/Bow Street/Pine Street North

Alan Dias was in attendance to ask the commission to consider allowing him to install a 450-foot water line down Bow Street in the area behind the old Gentile Supermarket. There is currently a 1" tap for a house in Hanson that has a meter pit in Halifax. This was put in by the Halifax Water Department about 20 years ago.

Alan would like to install a 2" service to the curb on a property than drop it down to a 1" feed to the house to be built (shown on Assessor's map 10, lots 965, 966 & 967). Alan stated he owns the abutting properties and hopes to eventually tap into the 2" service for his commercial building in the area. This would require an additional 1,000 feet of line.

It is 450' in length from the existing main to the new house. Alan plans to do all the work himself with the Water Department monitoring. Alan will have to clear the road to install the line. It is all private property. and paper streets in this area. Most of the area is undeveloped and wetlands. There will be a maximum of two services on the new line. Alan stated that the new house would be limited to one bedroom without town water. Danny is concerned about getting enough volume with a 2" line. Alan Dias said, "It should be fine."

Alan will have an engineer involved to make sure he stays within proper boundaries and 5-feet off the Hanson town line.

7:17 p.m. Chairman, Richard Clark arrived at the meeting.

Alan Dias recapped his earlier presentation, so Dick was up to date.

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The nearest hydrant is on Bow Street. There is also one on Bow & Monponsett Street. Dick would like to see a new hydrant installed within the new line. Alan said it is cost prohibitive and there is already a hydrant located 500' away. The Commission discussed the distance to the hydrants.

Dick questioned how soon Alan needs a decision. Alan said he would like to get it installed before the weather gets bad; preferably before Christmas. Hoadley will be installing the tap. Keith Swanson thinks it's doable.

Dick Clark said proposed changing the existing service at the Lewis property from a 1" to a 2" service then tapping off that to the new house. Hoadley could easily do this work. Alan said it would be complicated and require him to turn off water to the neighborhood for one to two days. Alan said he would be a lot more comfortable installing a separate service and not mess with the other owner's existing service.

The Commission agreed to allow the project. Alan asked the Commissioners if Keith Swanson can make decisions on the project if something changes. The Commission said yes. Alan Dias left the meeting.

The Commission looked at the plans again and voiced some concerns. The Commission would like Keith to reach out to Alan asap due to the project being on what appears to be town property. The Commission needs to reconsider and investigate further. The Commission is also concerned about the distance to existing hydrants.

ATM Articles

Keith told the Commission he does not expect to submit any articles for the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Dick said he is OK with that.

7: 53 p.m. Kathy O'Neil left the meeting to allow the Commissioners and Superintendent to discuss the upcoming union negotiations. Keith Swanson will take over taking the meeting minutes duties.

A Motion was made by Donald Bosworth to close the regular meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss union negotiations at 7:54 p.m. Second by Daniel Bosworth. Motion passes.

A Motion was made at 8:20 p.m. to close Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. Second by Daniel Bosworth. Motion passes.

Adjournment

8:22 p.m. Donald Bosworth made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Daniel Bosworth

Voted Unanimously

Approved,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Dana DeToro", written over a horizontal line.

NOTE: NEXT MEETING DATE IS JANUARY 14, 2020