

Utility Advisory Board
August 14, 2023
5:30pm
DPW Conference Room
209 Chestnut Hill Road

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Boudreau
Eli Barnes
Ralph Sanders
Shawn Libby, Chairman
Brett Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT

Lisa Clark, DPW Deputy Director, Operations & Administration
Darcy Landry, Utility Billing Administrator
Will Simmons. Appellant

MINUTES

1. Call to order:

Mr. Libby called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Approval of June 12, 2023, Minutes

Mr. Libby requested a motion or comments on the minutes for the June 12, 2023, meeting. *Mr. Barnes made a motion to accept the June 12, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson, the motion passed unanimously.*

3. Tabled Appeals

3.1 71 Ida Circle – Tammy & Thomas Murtagh

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal request is for a sewer abatement for outside watering.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to abate 6 units in June, 18 units in September for a total of 24 units of sewer at \$8.17 for a total of \$196.08. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

3.2 20 22 Winter St. – Andrew Bolton

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a water and sewer abatement for a leaking toilet.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to deny the appeal as it does not qualify for the water abatement policy. Mr. Libby seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Appeals

4.1 41 Oak St. – Joshua Riley

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a water and sewer abatement for dirty water.

Mr. Libby made a motion to deny the appeal, there is no increase in usage. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.2 50 52 Flat Rock Bridge Rd. – Cathy Brown

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a water abatement for a running toilet.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the appeal for more consumption history. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.3 16 Brenda Ln. – Arthur Smaldone Jr.

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a water and sewer abatement for a leak in the heating system.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to table the appeal for proof of repair. Mr. Boudreau seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.4 59 Ten Rod Rd. – John Carpenter

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a sewer abatement for a leaking garden hose.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to abate 10 units of sewer at the rate of \$8.17 for a total of \$81.70. Mr. Libby seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.5 667 Salmon Falls Rd. – Dennis Zangarine Jr.

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a sewer abatement for outside watering.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to abate 14 units of sewer at the rate of \$8.17 for a total of \$114.38. Mr. Libby seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.6 37 Bailey Dr. – Mark & Kathleen Nice

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a sewer abatement for outside watering.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to table the appeal for more consumption history. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.7 7 Apple Orchard Rd. – Donna Dube

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a sewer abatement for outside watering.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to abate 22 units of sewer at the rate of \$8.17 for a total of \$179.74. Mr. Boudreau seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.8 18 Winter St. – Will Simmons

The appellant was present for the meeting. The appeal is for a water & sewer abatement for a leaking toilet. Mr. Simmons explained to the board the steps he took to correct the leak.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to abate 110 units of water at the rate of \$6.41 for a total of \$705.10 and 110 units of water at the rate of \$8.17 for a total of \$898.70, per the Water and Sewer Adjustment Policy, a once in ten-year water abatement. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.9 42 Ida Circle – Kurt & Christina Dumond

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a sewer abatement for outside watering.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the appeal for more consumption history. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.10 2 10 Townsend – MHG 4 Fund LLC

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a water and sewer abatement for a leaking water heater.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to abate 204 units of water at the rate of \$6.41 for a total of \$1258.68 and 407 units of water at the rate of \$8.17 for a total of \$3325.19, per the Water and Sewer Adjustment Policy, a once in ten-year water abatement. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.11 7 River Rd. – Jeffrey Mercado

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a water and sewer abatement for a leaking toilet.

Mr. Boudreau made a motion to abate 41 units of water at the rate of \$6.41 for a total of \$252.97 and 41 units of sewer at the rate of \$8.17 for a total of \$334.97 per the Water and Sewer Adjustment Policy, a once in ten-year abatement. Mr. Libby seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.12 68 Ida Circle – LoPriore Family Trust

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a sewer abatement for outside watering.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the appeal for more consumption history. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.13 10 School St. – Matthew Gattinella

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a water and sewer for a leaking toilet.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to deny the appeal, it does not meet the Water and Sewer Adjustment Policy for water abatements. Mr. Boudreau seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.14 8 Farrington St. – Jason & Sara Eames

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a leaking outside faucet.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to abate 17 units of sewer at the rate of \$8.17 for a total of \$138.89. Mr. Libby seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4.15 6 Birchwood Ave. – Stevan Straz

The appellant was not present for the meeting. The appeal is for a leaking toilet.

Mr. Libby made a motion to deny the appeal, it does not meet the Water and Sewer Adjustment Policy for water abatements. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Financials – Water & Sewer Revenue and Expense Reports

6. Adjournment:

Mr. Barnes made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreau, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darcy Landry, Utility Billing Administrator