

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
LINCOLN BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

August 10, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held on August 10, 2005 at the Lincoln Water Commission Office. Commissioners Kelly, Smith, Kay and Conklin were present. Commissioner Goldberg was absent. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile.

Victoria Arocho of 279 Old Louisquisset Pike was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the impact fee with the Board.

Chairman Kelly called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:33PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: That the minutes of the previous monthly meeting are accepted.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent's Report for the month of July is accepted and ordered placed on file. APPROVED.

Chairman Kelly allowed Ms. Arocho to speak to the Board at this time.

Ms. Arocho informed the Board that the well on her property ceased

production and she was forced to connect to municipal water. Due to the fact that the dwelling is on a state road, tunneling was required, a connection fee, meter, tax, the impact fee and time and materials. While Ms. Arocho was very pleased with the quick service and courtesy of the employees of the Lincoln Water Commission, she finds the cost to be beyond her financial capability. She requested the Board to offer relief from the impact fee since her residence was built in the 1950's and must have been figured into the comprehensive plan for water supply at that time. Commissioner Smith informed Ms. Arocho that even though the dwelling has been in town for many years, previous owners have never contributed to the water commission, and now the connection is placing a burden on the system. Further discussion took place and Ms. Arocho left the meeting and the Commission returned to the posted agenda, to continue discussion at a later time in the meeting...

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To accept the Financial Report for the fiscal year end 2004/2005 and for the month of July, 2005 and ordered placed on file for audit. APPROVED.

CREDIT REPORT

The Credit Report for the month of July will be placed on file.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

The Board was presented with the monthly statement of investments,

encumbrances, and amounts available for

ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, the account adjustment report will be placed on file. APPROVED.

MONTHLY INVOICES

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kay, Accounts Payable for year end 2004/2005 in the amount of \$4,606.35 and July Payables in the amount of \$40,559.06 as well as Direct Payments in the amount of \$93,258.55 are approved for payment. APPROVED

ABATEMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Smith, a senior abatement of surcharges in the amount of \$2.17 to James Duffell of Sherman Avenue was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Smith read a copy of the RI Department of Health Sanitary Survey. The Lincoln Water Commission has no critical deficiencies.

Secretary Smith then read correspondence from the Rhode Island Water Resources reminding Rhode Islanders that it is time to

implement water conservation action will be placed on file.

The annual compliance report of the Rhode Island Department of Health will be placed on file.

The Board then discussed the request of Victoria Arocho to waive the impact fee. After lengthy discussion, upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Smith, it was VOTED: That the Impact Fee cannot be waived at all but a payment plan can be offered and discussed. The invoice for time and materials will be modified. Materials in the amount of \$198.02 must be paid but inspection fees in the amount of \$697.39 will be waived. APPROVED.

Secretary Smith then read a July 28, 2005 communication from the Economic Development Foundation of Rhode Island identifying their organization as declarant of the property at 279 Jenckes Hill Road, the present site of Copper and Brass Sales and the new site of the water tank. The letter informs the Board of conditions associated with the installation of the tank and will be placed on file as part of the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Communication from the Superintendent to Ron Coia of the RI Laborers' District Council transmitting the sixth and final draft of the Agreement was read, and a detailed explanation of the Agreement was presented to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to present to the Board at this meeting.

The Safety Report for the month of August will be placed on file.

The Superintendent informed the Board of the Drought/water conservations actions that were implemented during the month of July, 2005.

A letter to Carol Lariviere, Woonsocket Water Division Superintendent relative to the purchase of water during July 2005 was read by the Board.

A letter to Edward Fratelli of Cato Corporation informing him that development of Plat 38 Lot 115 Railroad Street, Manville is structurally questionable as well as questionable as a water source.

**The Superintendent informed the Board of a meeting he attended at the office of the Finance Director. Lincoln Finance is in the process of installing a new data base for many accounting procedures and offers the Water Commission a connection to the data base. The cost sharing of the new program will be in the vicinity of \$15,000.00 to \$17,000.00. Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Smith, it was VOTED: To proceed with the connection.
APPROVED.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To adjourn to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-5a (1) – 9 to discuss personnel matters at 7:00PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Smith, it was VOTED: To seal the minutes of the closed session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-7c.

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Smith, it was VOTED: To return to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To approve all changes to the Union agreement, a three year contract, a 3.25% wage increase each year, \$0 co pay year to health insurance in year 1, \$5.00 per week in year two and \$8.00 per week in year 3, \$250.00 to the pension, and up to \$250.00 to deferred comp, no change to prescription reimbursement or clothing allowance, and all other language changes. APPROVED.

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: That six (6) weeks vacation after thirty (30) years employment is denied. APPROVED. Discussion took place and a more appropriate acknowledgement of thirty years will discussed at a later date.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin it was VOTED: That a wage increase of 5% be budgeted in fiscal year 2005/2006 to the Superintendent and a wage increase in the fiscal year 2005/2006 in the amount of 4% to the Administrative Assistant. APPROVED.

Upon motion of Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To adjoin at 7:15 PM. APPROVED.