

**Joint Sewer IMA Review Committee**  
**January 10, 2014**

**10:00AM**

**Present:** Mark Jamieson, IMA Review Committee  
John Stone, IMA Review Committee  
Andy Burbine, IMA Review Committee

David Norton, City of Brockton, DPW  
Michael Thoreson, City of Brockton, DPW  
Larry Rowley, City of Brockton, DPW

**Also Present:** Caitlin Leach, Assistant City Solicitor, City of Brockton  
John Condon, CFO, City of Brockton  
Jeanne White, Executive Assistant, Abington  
Chris Petrini, Special Counsel, Abington

The Meeting convened at approximately 10:00 AM.

Caitlin Leach explains that after the last meeting the City of Brockton ran a couple of different calculations based on Abington's flow and made a counterproposal to Abington on December 31, 2013. When running these calculations they discovered that Abington was not charged for Phases III-V of upgrades to the Brockton WWTP so unfortunately Abington needs to be charged for these upgrades. Mark Jamieson asks whether the work in Phases III-V benefit Abington. In response Mr. Condon stated that Abington was not charged and why wouldn't this work benefit Abington? Mr. Condon stated that Abington was a co-permittee with Brockton and were billed for Phases 1 & 2 only. Abington has a contract and has an obligation to pay. Mr. Condon acknowledges that Brockton did a bad job of billing but that Abington still owes. Mr. Condon further states that Brockton will provide Abington with a detailed invoice going forward.

The IMA Members go through Brockton's December 31, 2013 counterproposal memorandum in great detail. Brockton advises that they are in the process of confirming that they can handle the extra flow up to 1.5 MGD from Abington at the plant. They have CDM reviewing it now and will send Abington a preliminary report by next Wednesday. Brockton still has a discharge limit under the expired NPDES Permit, but it a limit derived from calculating the maximum amount of nutrients that can be discharge.

Mr. Norton then reviewed all of the phases of the upgrades to the Brockton WWTP in detail, explaining the environmental compliance achieved and the benefits to the plant and all users.

The Abington members preliminarily note that that they like the simplicity of Option 2, a billing structure based on a proportionate share of costs for treatment and transport based on flow, better than Option 1, which is a continuation of the current Transport Rate with a discount of approximately 20% applied. However, Abington wants to further discuss the options internally and review the options with Mark Thompson, the Town's technical consultant.

The Joint IMA Review Committee then schedule the next two meetings. The February meeting will be on February 18, 2014 at 10:00 am in the Cotter Room at Abington Town Hall. The March meeting will be on March 20, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Brockton Waste Water Treatment Plant, 303 Oak Hill Drive, Brockton.

Mr. Thoreson makes a motion to adjourn. Dave Norton seconds. Unanimous 6-0. The Joint Sewer IMA Review Committee meeting concluded at approximately 12:15 p.m.

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