

Meeting of the Public Works Commission – March 14th, 2023

Present: William Coleman, Chairman

Diego Barricelli, Commissioner

Erica Lotz, Commissioner, Commissioner

DISCUSSIONS: (1)- Outdoor Seating Approval

- 1) Letter with Description from ***Mystic Station at 139 Pleasant Street*** proposing to occupy the sidewalk and two parking spaces in front of their Restaurant for Outdoor seating for Summer 2023. There is a letter of support from Urban Media Arts located next door at 145 Pleasant Street supporting the use of the two parking spaces proposed. Certificate of Liability Insurance is also enclosed. ***Commission votes to approve this. All in favor.***

CONFERENCES:

Bonnie Belmonte, 9 Arlington Street (Elderly lady). (Karen Speaking for) She is seeking abatement on her February and March, 2023, water and sewer bills. She told Karen that she is a 78-year-old woman, Karen asked her to check the toilet with a dye test or have someone do it for her, she called back and she believes that the Toilet was indeed running when flushed, so she had a plumber come in to repair it and bills are now back to normal. This account was granted an abatement for the following reason: No evidence of a defective meter, abatement based upon hearing testimony.

Commission voted to grant adjustment of \$1007.87 All in favor

SEE VOTE

Peter Eipoajayi, 23-25 Waite St. Seeking abatement on his February 2023 water and sewer bill. He travels for work and could not make the meeting, so ***Karen spoke on his behalf.*** He told her that the toilet flapper was sticking in the tenant's toilet and continuously running it has since been fixed and bills are back to normal. This account was granted an abatement for the following reason: No evidence of a defective meter, abatement based upon hearing testimony.

Commission voted to grant abatement of \$1347.96 All in favor

SEE VOTE

Kejie Li, 17 Webster Street. Seeking abatement on his February 2023 water and sewer bill. Kejie called Karen in Engineering about his high-water bill and was instructed to do the food coloring test in the toilets to see if the flapper was sticking and if that's what ran the bill up, test did show a small leak in the toilet, it was recently fixed and bills are now back to normal usage. This account was granted an abatement for the following reason: No evidence of a defective meter, abatement based upon hearing testimony.

Commission voted to grant adjustment of \$496.51 All in favor

SEE VOTE

Beverly Reid, 161 Washington St. (Granddaughters attend) Seeking abatement on her November 2022 through February 2023 water and sewer bills. Granddaughter called Karen regarding some high bills, the 2 Granddaughters recently bought the house from their grandmother and she wasn't paying attention to the bills and just paying minimum on the bills, Karen suggested checking the toilets with food coloring, they did and realized that they had a leaking toilet and also the toilet in the Basement was continuously running. They shut water off to that Basement toilet as suggested and had the flapper part replaced in the upstairs toilet and now the bills seem to be back to normal usage. This account was granted abatement for the following reason: No evidence of a defective meter, abatement based upon hearing testimony.

Commission voted to grant adjustment of \$1563.75 All in favor

SEE VOTE

Sunny Kem, 202-204 Sylvan St. Seeking abatement on his February 2023 water and sewer bill. They had an issue with the first-floor tenants toilet so he replaced the flush valve. Bills are now back to normal use. This account was granted abatement for the following reason: No evidence of a defective meter, abatement based upon hearing testimony.

Commission voted to grant adjustment of \$640.73 All in favor

SEE VOTE

Kevin & Cindy Reilly, 1182-1184 Fellsway. Seeking abatement on their February & March 2023 water and sewer bills. They had an issue in the tenant's unit, the flush valve was sticking so it was repaired, and now bills seem to be back to normal. This account was granted abatement for the following reason: No evidence of a defective meter, abatement based upon hearing testimony.

Commission voted to grant adjustment of \$681.58 All in favor

SEE VOTE

Jenny Alexander, 59 Rockingham Avenue. Seeking abatement on her December 2022 water and sewer bill. She wasn't sure what happened to run up the December bill, but now bills have since returned to normal usage. This account was granted abatement for the following reason: No evidence of a defective meter, abatement based upon hearing testimony.

Commission voted to grant adjustment of \$84.49 All in favor

SEE VOTE

Savannah Sharp, 117 Taylor St. Seeking abatement on her February, 2023 water and sewer bill. She had just bought house and was out of town for the Holidays when she returned a pipe had burst resulting in this high bill, she had the pipe replaced and bills are now back down to normal usage. This account was granted abatement for the following reason: No evidence of a defective meter, abatement based upon hearing testimony.

Commission voted to grant adjustment of \$886.74 All in favor

SEE VOTE

Jayden Ddhir, 92 Oliver Street. Asking why he is being charged a miscellaneous fee of \$136.00 on his bill. When he spoke with Gina the Water Billing Clerk in Treasurers, he was told that the Radio Read box on the outside of his home was found to be damaged and he was charged this fee to replace it. He wants to contest this charge as he knows nothing about how it was damaged and was never told it was being replaced and he would be charged for it? Commissioners table this because they also would like to know why he is being charged for the replacement.

Commission voted to Table this until April meeting. All in favor

SEE VOTE

DRAINLAYERS REQUEST (1):

A & B Services, Inc.- 19 Alfred Street, Woburn, MA 781-608-3291. Submits Application and three references which were checked by Bryan in Engineering. References are good.

Commissioners vote to approve said drain-layers request. All in favor

INCORRECT BILLING FORMS (5):

- 1) 160 Exchange Street – Request to abate bill as this has just become a City of Malden Property.
*Commissioners vote to abate bill of \$45.43. All in favor***
- 2) 170 Centre Street- Request to abate bill as this just became a City of Malden Property.
*Commissioners vote to abate bill of \$96.84. All in favor***
- 3) 7 Jackson Street – Request to abate bill as this just became a City of Malden Property.
*Commissioners vote to abate bill of \$850.00. All in favor***
- 4) 11 Canal Street – Request to abate bill as this bill was received in error building was recently torn down.
*Commissioners vote to abate bill of \$6.00. All in favor***
- 5) 7 Jackson Street – Request to abate bill as this just became a City of Malden property.
*Commissioners vote to abate bill of \$24.23. All in favor***

NO SHOWS (3):

- 1) DH Development LLC – 661 Eastern Avenue**
- 2) Zhen Li – 23 Oliver Street**
- 3) Kirk Stanford – 12 Springdale Street**

VOTES:

To grant abatement of \$1007.87 to 9 Arlington Street

To grant abatement of \$1,347.96 to 23-25 Waite Street

To grant abatement of \$496.51 to 17 Webster Street

To grant abatement of \$1,563.75 to 161 Washington Street

To grant abatement of \$640.73 to 202-204 Sylvan Street

To grant abatement of \$681.58 to 1182-1184 Fellsway

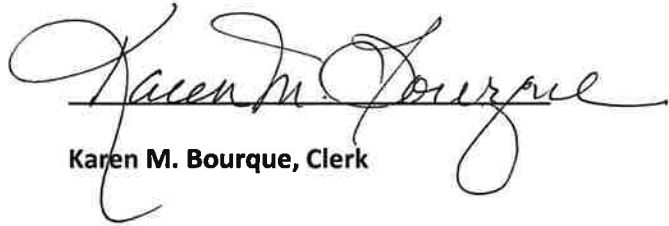
To grant abatement of \$84.49 to 59 Rockingham Avenue

To grant abatement of \$886.74 to 117 Taylor Street

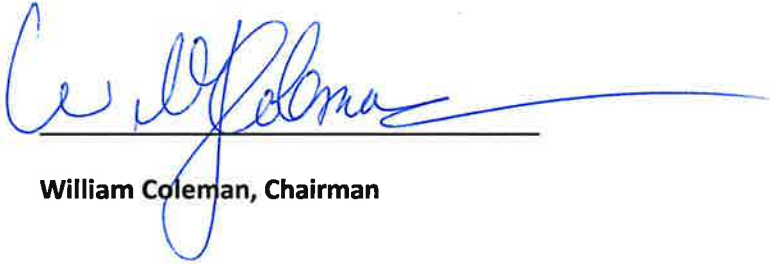
To table abatement request of 92 Oliver Street until April Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:00 pm

Next Meeting: April 11th, 2023



Karen M. Bourque, Clerk



William Coleman, Chairman

Diego Barricelli, Commissioner



Erica Lotz, Commissioner