

**TOWN OF LAKEVILLE**  
**Board of Selectmen as Board of Water Commissioners**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 10, 2011**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Lakeville Library**

On February 10, 2011, the Board of Selectmen acting as the Water Commissioners held a Meeting at the Lakeville Library to meet with the residents to discuss betterment fees in regards to the Water Line Extension on Bedford Street. The Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioner's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Yeatts at 7:09 PM. Selectman present: Selectman Yeatts, Selectman Maksy, and Selectman Olivier. Also present: Assessor Dana Lucas, Assessor Janet Black, Town Counsel Jeanne McKnight, Town Administrator Rita Garbitt, Cathal O'Brien from the City of Taunton Water Department and Ben Levesque from CDM. Cindy Dow of the Middleborough Gazette was recording the meeting.

**Water Assessment Statement**

Town Counsel Jeanne McKnight explained the Water Commissioner's vote for the Water Assessment Statement. It includes the list of properties to be assessed, not the amounts of the liens. The Assessment Statement will be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Maksy and seconded by Selectman Olivier, the Board

VOTED: That we, the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Lakeville, having entered into a contract for the construction of a water works system, including but not limited to an elevated water tower and pump station and water pipes in public and private ways, intend to assess betterments or special assessments on the parcels of land located within the areas shown on a plan entitled "Access and Utility Easement Plan of Land Bedford Street (Rte 105) Lakeville, Massachusetts", dated August 20, 2009, prepared by Field Engineering Co., Inc. in the office of the Lakeville Town Clerk, that are to obtain a benefit from the water works system, such properties being identified on the schedule titled "Lakeville Water Betterment List", all of which will receive from this improvement a benefit or advantage beyond the general advantage to the community, and that we execute and acknowledge a Statement of Intention and direct Town Counsel to record the same with the Registry of Deeds as a lien upon the properties to be assessed, provided that Town Counsel may update the names and owners on said schedule to reflect transfers of ownership as of the date and time of recording.  
Unanimous in favor.

Selectman Yeatts explained that even though the properties are going to be liened, the Water Commissioners have not determined the amount of the betterment assessments.

The residents in attendance asked several questions about the newly installed water line and why they were going to be assessed betterments. Atty. McKnight answered questions regarding the different methods used for assessing betterments, and she explained deferrals on betterments for vacant land. Mr. O'Brien answered questions regarding flow rates, master metering, capital improvement fees, the water line to the prison in Bridgewater, and the upgrades made at Taunton's Water Treatment Plant. The residents will be notified when the next meeting of the Water Commissioners is scheduled.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Selectman Maksy and seconded by Selectman Olivier, the Board

VOTED:       To adjourn the Water Commissioner's Meeting at 9:59 PM.  
Unanimous in favor.