

Special Meeting  
Sewer Commission  
Crystal Construction  
August 24, 2006

The Board of Sewer Commissioners met with Joseph Casna, Jr. of Crystal Construction to review problems that have arisen with a sewer connection completed by Crystal Construction on January 9, 2002 at 9 West Avenue. The owner is Tracey Ellison and there are 2 houses on her property. Her house is #7 located in the front and her mother's house is #9 and is located in back of house #7.

Ms. Fiore supplied Mr. Casna with a copy of a letter of complaint she received from the homeowner. She asked Mr. Casna for his reply to the complaint. Mr. Casna stated that his company had connected the new sewer line to the existing pipe coming from the house. They merely connected to what already existed. The blockage occurred within the substandard section of the pipe they connected to, which is within 10 feet of the foundation of the building. Technically this section of pipe should come under the jurisdiction of the plumbing inspector.

Ms. Fiore asked why they would even consider connecting to a substandard section of pipe. The pipe coming from the house, to where they connected to it, was not up to code. Mr. Casna replied that the section of pipe they connected to is what already existed. In this case the substandard section is what has collapsed. Mr. Casna's assistant commented that since the original connection was made, a plumber has come in to tie in a sink that was not known about at the time of the original connection.

Ms. Fiore asked what the homeowner has asked for and was told she has requested that sod be used to replace damaged areas of grass. They have agreed to provide fresh loam and seed and to rake the lawn. They have also agreed to replace a damaged kitchen floor and to replace clay with stone and loam under a walkway and patio area. The homeowner has asked for a compactor to be brought in and a professional bricklayer to replace the walk and patio.

Ms. Fiore asked that Crystal Construction provide a written cost summary for the work they do when they have finished working on this property. There are 3 parties involved with this problem. The Board needs to know who the plumber was. His license with the Town may need to be reviewed.

Ms. Fiore stated that she was given a bill for \$3675.00 from Arthur Wrightington for work he did to fix the sewer line problem at this house. She requested that Mr. Casna pay for one third of this bill as they are one of the three parties involved in this matter. Mr. Casna said he would agree to pay for one third of the bill or \$1225.00.

MOTION, by Peter Cobb, seconded by Elaine Fiore, to accept one third payment of Arthur Wrightington's invoice of \$3675.00 or \$1225.00 from Crystal Construction, Joseph Casna, Jr., as agreed upon. The motion was unanimously voted.

Mr. Casna will provide a check in the amount of \$1225.00 made payable to the Town of Kingston by Monday August 28, 2006.

Ms. Fiore suggested that since Mr. Casna has been cooperative in getting the problem resolved and has agreed to be responsible for one third of the bill, that the Board consider reinstating his Drain Layer License. No further discussion took place.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to reinstate the Drain Layer License for Crystal Construction. The motion was unanimously voted.

Ms. Fiore stated that a letter of agreement would be prepared for Mr. Casna to sign upon payment of his one third of the invoice on Monday August 28, 2006. She said that his company would be added back to the list and updated on the web site.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am.

Suzanne Richards  
Administrative Assistant