

MINUTES
February 21, 2007

The meeting of the Sewer Commission was called to order by Elaine Fiore at 7:00 PM. Members attending tonight were Elaine Fiore, Peter Cobb and Sean Walsh.

Ms. Fiore reviewed the latest Title 5 flow estimates for 1021 Kingston's Place. Mr. Geisinger has stated that the final build out should be 235,365 gallons based on Title 5. They have been asked to build 1 SBR and they have agreed to give the Town everything needed if they can be guaranteed the use of 50,000 gallons of capacity for 5 years.

The Board discussed how DEP would permit this project. Would they issue a permit for all 3 SBR's prior to them actually being built? Mr. Vandal felt that the whole project should be presented at the same time and should be proposed as a project that might be constructed in phases.

Ms. Fiore reviewed that the Town would need 1 SBR for the waiting list and 1 for Thorndike. Another SBR should be constructed for future need. The Board already has a waiting list for 125,000 gallons. Would it be appropriate to reserve 50,000 gallons for Mr. Geisinger's project for 5 years? They say they will build a leaching field for 175,000 gallons while the Town pays for the first SBR. They will pay for 50% of the plant upgrade. Leaching would go to the Davis site. At this stage the Town would have everything needed for the waiting list if the project does not move forward. The permitting and design for 400,000 gallons of disposal fields has to be done by 2009. In year 5, they would contribute 35 % toward a 3rd SBR.

The Board discussed the receiving résumé's in response to the ad for a Connections Inspector. It would be nice to have a list of questions for the applicants.

Mr. Vandal discussed that Norman Short had a questions about using gravel in a sewer trench close to the house. This could cause a drainage issue if water were to follow the gravel to the foundation. Mr. Vandal felt that gravel is not always needed within 10 feet of the foundation if fine sand is on site or brought in as fill. Stops could also be added along the sewer line, but this could add cost to the sewer connection. The Rules and Regulations will be checked to see if the option is already available. The Board will check with Don Freeman to see if there would be any problems doing this.

The Smelt Brook leaching field area was reviewed. Kevin Donovan is opposed to this proposal and will state that the use of this site is not an option. The use of similar sites in other towns has resulted in significant cost to upgrade them when DEP changed their discharge requirements.

The Board discussed the use of the transfer station site for a discharge site, as this area was already permitted for use. There would be a potential to use the Mass. Highway land for another 1.8 acres if that land were viable as a leaching area. There will be a joint

department meeting next week on March first or second to discuss how this project will impact each department. The Selectmen have cancelled their appointment to review the agreements.

The Boutin property was mentioned briefly. Paul Basler is going to measure Hillcrest Road to determine where the Town road ends and the private road begins.

The Board signed department bills, pay estimates and Change Order #1 submitted by Revoli and a letter to Linda Toohey regarding Brian's Barber Shop. Sewer lien releases and miscellaneous letters were also signed.

Ms. Fiore discussed renewing a short term CD for \$500,000.00 as recommended by John LaBrache, Town Treasurer.

MOTION, by Peter Cobb, seconded by Elaine Fiore, to renew the short term CD for \$500,000.00. The motion was unanimously voted.

The Board discussed that \$350,000.00 would be needed to complete Phase 2. A Town Meeting Article will request the use of \$450,000.00 of surplus revenue to fund this.

Ms. Fiore discussed the matter of unpaid user fees for Indian Pond Country Club. The tax collector has committed them to the tax bill but Town Counsel should be consulted about the next step that should be taken to collect these fees.

David Rossi, 5 Green Street, has requested that he be allowed to connect to the sewer. His system has not been working properly and he has been pumping it every couple of months. The sewer line ended at the house just before his. The Board discussed that there is no capacity for this connection and that an earlier review of this area resulted in a costly estimate to extend the line for 3 houses. It was not cost effective.

Drain Layer License applications were reviewed and approved for J.D. Mathias, K & W Construction Inc., and Demeule Excavating and Landscaping.

MOTION, by Peter Cobb, seconded by Sean Walsh, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. The motion was unanimously voted.

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