

MINUTES  
October 16, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 PM by Elaine Fiore. Members in attendance tonight were Elaine Fiore and Sean Walsh.

Mr. Vandal reviewed that Leonard Bianco had reported a hole in the road at 92 Summer Street. It appeared that the road had been undermined slightly and needed attention. Mr. Vandal said he had met with Aldo Palumbo on site and he said that a crew would come out to fix the hole today. The hole has not been fixed yet.

Mr. Vandal reviewed that there had been a problem at the manhole in front of the Reed Building. There was cement blocking the sewer line and by the appearance, it looked as if someone had troweled cement into the pipe. This may have been done when the sewer flow was transferred from the old valve pit to the new valve pit at Solstice. It seemed that it had been in this condition for a couple of weeks. Mr. Vandal had to bring a pumper truck to the site on the holiday. There was also overtime for the WWTF staff that responded on Sunday night and again on Monday, the holiday.

Glenn Pellegrini discussed the sewer connection of his mother's home at 155 Summer Street. He mentioned that Dick Eldredge told him that the chimney was at 180.5 and that there would not be enough pitch to service the house by gravity and be able to continue using the basement bathroom facilities. Since this discussion Mr. Pellegrini has received news that his mother will need to install a first floor bathroom for easier access. The elevation of the pipe coming out of the house is about 2.5 feet under the surface. There will probably be enough pitch to make the connection by gravity. The lateral was located closer to the center of the house than the side of the house making the connection from the back more difficult. They would also like to replace a lead water line and install both lines in the same trench if possible. They would be willing to sleeve it if the water department requires that they do so. There is a hedge running around the perimeter of the yard. He will need to dig it up and replace it. Mr. Vandal stated that the lateral is 6 inch PVC pipe and that it would be capped at the property line. Mr. Pellegrini stated that he has a great deal of experience doing this type of work and has worked with Gioioso Construction. He asked if he could get licensed to do his own connection. The Board stated that he could but that he would have to provide the liability insurance as any other company. Mr. Pellegrini did not feel it would be economically feasible to obtain the insurance for one connection. He was told to check with Gioioso or another company he may have worked for to see if they could arrange to have him work with them. Mr. Pellegrini said he would check into all of these options and thanked the Board for their time.

Dan Sapir attended to ask the Board if there were any new submittals from Lloyd Geisinger, regarding design estimates that the Board may have reviewed. Ms. Fiore stated that all discussion has been on hold pending Mr. Cobb returning from his vacation.

The Board will go into Town Meeting holding Mr. Geisinger to his original agreement that was signed before the spring Town Meeting.

Mr. Sapir asked what position the Board would be taking regarding Article 1. Ms. Fiore replied that the Board would not be voicing a position as a Board. Everyone will vote on the article individually.

Mr. Sapir asked if the Board felt that the Town will be giving away 1.9 acres in exchange for about 30,000 square feet of land from the State. Actually the area that will be affected is 8+ acres of land. Only 1.9 acres will be used for the slip ramp and the remaining land will be isolated and of no use in the future. Mr. Geisinger only wants to use a section out of the 8+ acres. The rest will be land locked similar to what happened when the State completed Route 44. The Board's understanding was that 1.9 acres was being exchanged for approximately 30,000 SF of land from the State.

Mr. Sapir stated that the Sewer Commission had planned to meet with DEP a couple of weeks ago and that the meeting was cancelled. Ms. Fiore explained that she had called DEP about scheduling a meeting with them to talk about the plant expansion without any outside parties in attendance in order to get DEP's opinion of the Board's intentions. She had called on a Friday and was told that someone would get back to her. She did not receive a reply until Monday afternoon after 5 PM. She called the Sewer Commission on Tuesday morning and was told that the Board was not posted for a meeting with DEP and that there would not be enough time to meet the 48 hour posting requirement. That is when the meeting was cancelled. Mr. Sapir asked if the Board was aware that a lawyer was planning to attend the meeting and that Mr. Geisinger had been scheduled to meet with DEP the day after the proposed meeting with the Sewer Commission. Ms. Fiore said that she was not aware that anyone besides the Sewer Commissioners was planning to attend the Sewer Commission meeting with DEP but she was aware of Mr. Geisinger's meeting, was invited to attend and had declined the invitation.

Mr. Sapir stated that he had heard that DEP is very concerned with the idea of mingling discharge water from the development with discharge water from the WWTF. They are also very concerned with the potential for this project to cause Smelt Brook and possibly Smelt Pond to go dry. Ms. Fiore stated that the same concern about mingling discharge water was brought to the Board's attention by Mr. Vandal and Ms. Richards when the idea was first proposed. There would be no way to determine which site might be violating the discharge permit.

Mr. Sapir said he understood that at the last meeting Mr. Geisinger attended with the Sewer Commission that he was to continue to work out the issues with the discharge site and was to provide cost estimates for the design of the expansion from 2 firms he had been working with. To date Mr. Geisinger has not met with the Board again to review any of these matters. The Board stated that was correct. Mr. Sapir also asked that the Board confirm that their understanding was that there may be 30,000 SF received from the State adjacent to the WWTF and that the Board plans to hold Mr. Geisinger to his original agreement unless something better is proposed. The Board confirmed that both statements were correct.

The Board briefly discussed that there are a number of properties that have not been billed betterments and should have been. Ms. Fiore asked that Mr. Judge be

contacted to be sure that the missing betterment charges are not planned for billing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter tax bills.

Mr. Vandal discussed the pitch problem with the sewer lateral at 9 Foster Lane. Aldo Palumbo spoke to Mr. Vandal about it and said that it would function properly. It would be cheaper for the Town to arrange to put in a clean-out in the event there should be a problem. Mr. Vandal told Mr. Palumbo that he felt 17 feet of pipe pitched in the wrong direction was too much and that he was not comfortable with the Town being responsible to monitor the clean-out. Ms. Fiore agreed and stated that the Town would not pay to fix this error. The Board would hold CDM responsible for correcting the problem.

Building permits were reviewed with the following results:

The Bog – No permits will be approved until they have provided the specifications for the bleacher seating as was agreed upon at the September 4, 2007 meeting.

37 East Avenue – 2 Homes are being razed to allow for construction of a new 4 bedroom home. The application was approved.

25 Jones River Drive – The Board cannot approve the application and plan as presented as it exceeds the capacity of 330 gallons per day allocated for this parcel. The Board cannot approve the living space above the garage which consists of 2 bedrooms, a full bath and a living space that includes a sink and refrigerator. The Board will recommend that this space remain unfinished and that the property owner apply for an additional 330 gallons of capacity for the additional living space. When capacity becomes available then another permit would be submitted and the space could be finished. A memo will be sent to the Building Inspector.

Ms. Fiore discussed Phase 2 costs briefly and stated that the project should be under the total project cost with the exception of some extra items that were not included in the bid price, such as the grinder pumps, overtime for the Water Department staff and so forth.

Budget packets were reviewed briefly. The packets are due back to the Town Administrator by Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

Motion, by Sean Walsh, seconded by Elaine Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion was so voted.

Suzanne Richards  
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