

MINUTES
October 7, 2008

The meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was called to order by Elaine Fiore at 7:05 PM. Members in attendance were Elaine Fiore, Peter Cobb and Sean Walsh.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Sean Walsh, to accept the minutes for July 14, July 17, July 21, Aug. 12, Aug. 18, Sept. 9 and Oct. 1, 2008. The motion was unanimously voted.

Grinder pump easements, a bill schedule for connection inspections totaling \$120.00 and a sewer bill adjustment for (\$120.78) were approved and signed.

The Sewer Commission discussed Drain Layer License renewals, which will be coming up at the end of December 2008. The Board agreed not to renew any drain layer that does not have all of the paperwork up to date. Mr. Wrightington came up for discussion. His liability insurance and worker's compensation has been cancelled and has not been renewed. He will not be allowed to work under another drain layer's license and the Board does not plan to renew his license.

In similar discussion Ms. Fiore reported that Mr. Basler, Highway Superintendent, had spoken to her about Mr. Wrightington leaving construction related materials on Peck Street on the Town portion of the road. Mr. Basler requested that the Sewer Commission withhold approving any type of work for Mr. Wrightington pending notification from him that this matter has been taken care of.

The Board discussed that the Wapping Road pumping station had to be cleaned out again today by a septic hauler due to the large amount of grease that had accumulated again. Paisano's should be contacted again about this matter. The septic hauler suggested that the water temperature used for the dishwashing equipment might be set too high causing grease from the dishes to be dissolved and passed into the sewer instead of being trapped in the grease tank.

A revised fines and fees schedule was reviewed. Hearing notices will need to be published in the newspaper and the earliest date for a meeting would be November.

Kristen Nolan met with the Sewer Commission at 7:15 to discuss a connection fee that will be assessed to her vacant lot at 3 Spring Street if she chooses to accept sewer capacity. The Connection Fee would be \$11,590.00. Ms. Nolan questioned why the Board chose that amount. Ms. Fiore explained that the connection fees in Phase 1 were equal to the amount of a betterment and decreased slightly over time. The connection fees for Phase 2 are being kept equal to the Phase 2 betterment. Ms. Nolan asked if she had to put the stub in. If she has to put in the stub it will cost her about \$5000.00 or about 40% more than anyone that received sewer in Phase 2. Ms. Fiore stated that she would be paying \$11,590.00 for the sewer capacity. When the physical structure is built, whoever owns the land would have to pay to put the stub in. It would be added on to the expense

of building the home. The lot can be sold with the sewer capacity and then determine where the stub needs to go depending on the position of the house. Ms. Nolan asked how the connection fee would work when she files her income tax return. Ms. Fiore advised her to check with her tax consultant. It would be up to the State whether they would allow a deduction for the connection fee. She can refer to the Mass. DOR web site, Schedule SC for further information. Ms. Nolan stated that her letter says that the connection fee will not be abated or rescinded. Does this mean that anyone that purchases the land will have to connect to the sewer? The Board confirmed that the land would have to connect to the sewer when it is developed. Ms. Nolan asked for an extension to her deadline for accepting the sewer capacity. She asked for another six months to decide. Mr. Cobb stated that it would not be fair to extend the deadline because there are many others waiting for capacity. Ms. Fiore instructed Ms. Nolan to report back to the Board by November 1, 2008 and to let the Board know how her research is progressing.

The Board discussed the L. Knife expansion. Mr. Vandal had requested BOD testing. So far he has received only one day of testing results. He also needs testing for metals, especially aluminum. The concern is with what will be generated in the future after the plant has been expanded. The tank shouldn't be a problem. If they only pump it once a month then that amount of material would be gradually released. A reading of 8100 would not cause a problem if it is consistently released over the period of a month. Mr. Vandal would like to be able to go to L. Knife at any time to take samples and to have them do their own samples as well. Do they use detergents in the crushing area? There should be limits and surcharges assessed for exceeding those limits. Thirty pounds of BOD per month should not be a problem right now. Something needs to be in place in the event that a problem should occur; there is something to fall back on.

Dan Hawkins and John Veracka met with the Board at 7:30 PM to discuss the expansion of the L. Knife building. Mr. Hawkins said they had two separate issues, the building permit for the expansion and the connection to sewer. Ms. Fiore stated that there was only one issue and that it was the connection to the sewer and making sure the department was satisfied with their plans.

Mr. Hawkins reviewed that they planned to continue to dump waste beer into the tight tank and that they would send the sanitary waste from the bathrooms and the break room to the sewer. The septic system and leaching area approved in 2004 was designed large enough to accommodate the expansion if needed. If they change their plans from the septic system to the sewer, they would like to change the floor drains from the tight tank to the sewer. The current bathrooms and the two new bathrooms would go to the sewer. They are asking for approval of the building permit based on the continued use of the tight tank for the floor drains. Ultimately they want to connect to the sewer. Ms. Fiore reminded Mr. Hawkins that because they abut the sewer that they will have to connect to it. Mr. Hawkins continued that they were addressing testing as Mr. Vandal requested. The 27,000 SF addition will be the recycling facility. It is industrial zoned. Bottles and cans will be crushed in the area. There will be a janitor's sink, 2 bathrooms and a break room/kitchen area for the employees. Mr. Veracka added that there would be 10 employees at the Title V calculation of 20 GPD per employee. Mr. Veracka said that he was representing Webby Engineering that had developed the plans. The Title V flow, as the system is shown on the plans, is 1784 GPD. They will be using the tight tank for the beer. It will not be going into the sewer or the septic system. The flow from the recycling

area would go to the tight tank. L. Knife currently is assessed 20 ERU's and had proposed cutting this down to 9 ERU's. This was never done. The current capacity should be adequate to handle the current building, the expansion and the recycling flow. The pH of beer is between 4 and 5. Coca Cola has a pH of 4. Mike Brophy went to Syracuse N.Y. to a recycling center. They pre-treat before they discharge into the sewer. Mr. Vandal said that the minimum pH level is 5.5 so they would have to pre-treat before they discharge to the sewer. Mr. Veracka continued that they plan to send the wastewater from the recycling area to the tight tank and the sanitary waste to the sewer. System 2 is the office and the warehouse. The floor drains in the truck area are blocked. They vacuum the waste and send it to a facility in Brockton. The office and warehouse people will generate the sanitary flow. Mr. Veracka offered to provide the numbers associated with the staff and the flow estimates. L. Knife is asking for the Sewer Commission to sign off on the building permit, based on the plans presented. The recycling area and bottle crusher will go to the tight tank. The building department says they do not need an oil/gas separator unless they do vehicle repairs. There will be no repair work done on site. Mr. Vandal stressed that they need to regulate their system so it does not pump a 200 gallon slug to the Bradford Avenue pumping station all at one time. Mr. Veracka said they should have no more than 1000 gallons per week when the flow increases. The quality of the wastewater will have to meet the required department standards. Mr. Vandal stated that he needed to know how much flow they would be giving the system. There may be a surcharge for the BOD load. He would also like to know what affect the can and glass crushing will have on the sewer system. Will any aluminum be leaching into the system? Filters need to be used to keep material from entering the sewer. They may be required to pre-treat as well. Mr. Hawkins stated that the 40,000 SF addition had been withdrawn. The 27,750 SF addition is what will be built. The Board said that they needed an accurate set of plans. Mr. Veracka said that he would provide a new set of plans. Ms. Fiore stated that they might have to keep the recycling flow going to the tight tank until there is some history to evaluate. Mr. Hawkins said the plan is to use the tight tank as a pre-treatment tank later on. The Board felt that they could give approval of the building permit application with conditions.

MOTION, by Sean Walsh, seconded by Peter Cobb, to approve the building permit for L. Knife and Sons based on the use of a tight tank for the floor drains in the new addition and in the bottle/can crushing area, including the sink in that area, pending further testing results of the waste materials, in preparation for permitting discharge to the sewer. Discharge to the sewer and/or pretreatment will be based on the results of the testing. The motion was unanimously voted.

Ms. Fiore discussed that Mass. Highway still has not signed off on Rte 3A paving. They contracted the paving and should have made an inspection. Tom Morgan has been contacted because they need to get Mass. Highway down here to inspect the road and sign off on it.

An abatement application for 14 Harborview Drive was reviewed and discussed. The Board asked the staff to make an appointment to review the property, take pictures, and report back to the Board.

MOTION, by Sean Walsh, seconded by Elaine Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

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