

Minutes
April 7, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was held tonight. Members in attendance were Elaine Fiore and Peter Cobb. Ms. Fiore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Department bills were signed for \$127.00, \$30.00 and \$24.99. Sewer bill adjustments were approved for (\$131.76), (\$106.76) and a bill commitment for \$245.64 was also approved. One sewer fine for \$300.00 for a Phase 1 property was signed and will be sent to the customer tomorrow.

The Board discussed moving forward with plans to expand the WWTF. The Wastewater Department will pursue Grant funding for the expansion as an alternative to the supplemental funding expected from Thorndike Development.

There will be a site plan review for the 40R at the Roundtable meeting. Mr. Bott has asked for a cost estimate to have an "in house" person review the 40R site plan. The Sewer Commission feels that there is nobody in house possessing the skills needed to evaluate the infrastructure needed for the plant expansion and that CDM should do the review for the Sewer Commission. Ms. Fiore will contact Tom Morgan to determine what he feels a reasonable cost estimate would be to have Don Freeman review the site plan.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to accept the minutes for March 17, 18, 23 and 24, 2009 as written. The motion was so voted.

The Environmental Bond Bill, Chapter 312 of the Acts of 2008 is also known as the Preservation and Improvements of Environmental Assets Loan Act of 2008. This new legislation allows for zero percent financing for certain infrastructure improvements if they meet the requirements to qualify. There are several categories that must be met and the Town of Kingston may not have established the necessary zoning requirements to qualify for this type of loan through the SRF.

Falmouth has adopted new sewer by-laws limiting capacity for properties that are undeveloped, developed, multi-family, non-residential, etcetera. The Sewer Commission should plan to review the current Rules and Regulations and discuss further establishing new sewer by-laws similar to Falmouth's by-laws. A review of the Rules and Regulations should be done by September and reviewed by Town Counsel.

Ms. Fiore discussed obtaining a cost estimate for construction of a leaching field on the Davis property and what it would cost for 7 acres of land, design services, materials and labor. Permitting costs should be included as well. Thorndike Development should provide their cost estimate to the Sewer Commission for comparison.

The Board discussed purchasing a hybrid vehicle. Mr. Cobb and Mr. Vandal have been told that there is a 6-month delay between the time you request the vehicle and the

time you can expect delivery. Mr. Cobb has also spoken with dealers that carry these vehicles and they do not recommend purchasing them for municipal use because they are not proven yet and they are very costly to repair. There is a significant difference in the purchase price as well. The delay of the Town Meeting vote has also caused the Sewer Commission to miss the deadline for submitting an application for the Grant money to cover the differential cost between a standard vehicle and a hybrid.

Mr. Vandal reported that he had taken 2 department vehicles in for stickers today. The Ford Ranger, which is planned for replacement, could barely be driven into the bay and required approximately \$450.00 in repairs. The F-150 needed new ball joints at a cost of over \$1000.00. This vehicle has about 20,000 miles on it. The repairs may be needed as a result of snow plowing this winter.

A Building Permit Application was reviewed for 8 Wright Court. The layout of the basement, first and second floor, as shown on the drawings, indicates the potential for a 4 bedroom home. Mr. Armstrong has also mentioned that the basement does not meet egress standards and he would have to require upgrades. This property also has a betterment deferral on it and since the deferral was placed on it the homeowner has died. Based on the fact that there is an unpaid betterment deferral and that there is no capacity for the expansion potential, the Board denied the application.

The Sewer Commission approved and signed a letter to Kim Kellar regarding a damage claim she has filed with Albanese Brothers Inc.

Ms. Fiore reported that the Sewer Commissioners met with Jack Healey today at 4:00 PM to discuss the audit report. Item 3 of the report referred to performing a special study of betterment receivables. Ms. Fiore told Mr. Healey that the Sewer Commission checks the betterment assessments quarterly to make sure they are being billed correctly. The Collector and the Accountant need to provide reports showing what has been received and which accounts the payments have been posted to.

MOTION, by Peter Cobb, seconded by Elaine Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion was so voted.

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