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MINUTES
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The regular meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 PM by Elaine Fiore. Members in attendance were Elaine Fiore and Peter Cobb. Mr. Taylor was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

Mr. Everett Johnson, of 6 Wapping Road, attended this evening to address a letter he received from the Sewer Commission, extending the time he was allowed to connect to the Sewer until August 15, 2010. Failure to connect would result in fines of \$100.00 per month. Mr. Johnson stated that he has a financial hardship and provided a letter from the attorney that is working with him to decrease his debt. A copy of the letter is on file in the Sewer Commission office. Mr. Johnson stated that his property taxes are up to date but his attorney has advised him that it would be irresponsible to apply for a connection loan that would increase his debt. He requested that the Sewer Commission withhold issuing fines and defer the mandatory connection requirement until his situation improves. The Board stated that they would withhold fines but that Mr. Johnson should pursue the connection loan so that he will be ready to connect should his situation change. He is to keep the office informed of the status of the application for the loan. A copy of the application was provided to Mr. Johnson and a list of licensed Drain Layer will be mailed to him tomorrow. He thanked the Board for their consideration of his requests.

The appointment scheduled for 7:10 with Daniel Harlow was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Chris Veracka, of 52 Evergreen Street, had an appointment at 7:20 to discuss an ongoing problem he is having with sewer odors lingering in his yard. When the Wapping Road pump station pumps come on they send a rush of wastewater down Evergreen Street causing the gases in the sewer line to be vented out through the vent stacks at his house. Mr. Vandal has advised him that carbon filters installed on the stacks could resolve the problem. Mr. Veracka did not feel that he should be responsible for this expense but will be happy to install them himself. Mr. Vandal stated that there have been 4 or 5 other residents that have had venting problems but they have purchased their own filters. Mr. Veracka's house is the only house in that area that is experiencing a problem. Mr. Veracka mentioned that the only other solution that has been mentioned is installing a check valve in his sewer line, which would be quite costly. The Board felt that this was a unique situation, since Mr. Veracka is experiencing constant odors, and that they should provide the filters this time.

MOTION, by Peter Cobb, seconded by Elaine Fiore, to provide 3 carbon filters to Mr. Veracka to install on his 3 vent stacks at 52 Evergreen Street. The motion was so voted.

Kevin Foley and Brett Nichols attended the meeting to discuss the denial of a building permit application they submitted for 2 Blair Drive. The application proposed an addition of an enclosure of an existing deck. A memo stated that flow was evaluated by rooms and stated that 8 rooms would require 440 gpd of sewer flow. They stated that they were local contractors and wanted to do business locally. The project would involve enclosing the existing deck, removing the existing 6 foot slider and casing the opening left from the slider. There will be no walls added and no doors on the opening. The result of the



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change would be an increase in size of the living/dining area adjacent to the kitchen. The Board gave a verbal approval of the renovation plans based on tonight's discussion.

Mr. Vandal discussed the Hilltop Avenue generator. He has spoken with an electrician and has some preliminary numbers for installation of a gas generator. The Board asked that this be place on the agenda for the next meeting in September. Mr. Vandal will provide the cost estimates at that time.

Recently a building permit for 16 May Avenue was denied based on the plan exceeding the available sewer capacity. The applicant has provided a revised plan. The Board reviewed the plan but made no determination on it pending further review. The plan is on file in the Sewer Commission office.

The Board discussed that 6 Hillcrest Road has not been connected to the sewer yet. A letter was received from the attorney for the homeowner stating that there is a financial hardship and that she lacks the means to repay a connection loan. They are requesting to defer the obligation to connect to the sewer. The Board discussed requiring language to be added to the property deed requiring connection to the sewer before conveyance to a new owner. The Board should consult with Town Counsel regarding whether this can be done and/or is needed.

The Board reviewed a proposed connection plan for the Town Buildings Complex, provided to Mr. Vandal by Webby Engineering. The plans show all of the buildings connecting to one pump chamber. The 4 inch sleeve installed previously for the future connection of the buildings would need to be replaced since it was only planned to accommodate a 1 ¼ inch line. Mr. Vandal does not know if the sections were ever glued and made water tight. The board saw no issues with the proposal.

The Board moved the ZBA, Planning, Building item #1 to old business to be taken up at a later date.

The discussion of the pending project at 24 Sunset Road, item #4, was moved to old business to be taken up at a later date.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to approve the minutes of July 13, 2010. The motion was so voted.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. The motion was so voted.

Suzanne Richards
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