

Minutes
February 12, 2008

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

Ms. Fiore discussed that Mr. Buitenhuis was scheduled to meet with the Board to discuss how to connect his house to the sewer on Hillcrest Road. He was unable to attend tonight but will be attending the meeting on March 11, 2008. The Board should vote on whether the sewer service will be brought down to his property line or not from Hillcrest Road.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to bring the service line to Mr. Buitenhuis' property line from the stub left at his right-of-way and Hillcrest Road. The motion was unanimously voted.

The Board will need to decide whether the service will be done in a manner to connect by gravity or with the use of a grinder pump. If a gravity service can be done for the added amount that it would cost to purchase a grinder pump, approximately \$2300.00, then it would be preferable to do so. A letter should be written to Mr. Buitenhuis to notify him that the Board has decided to put in the service to his property line. The details of the connection will be discussed with him on March 11, 2008. Phase 1 properties were not guaranteed gravity service to their basements and Phase 2 should not be treated any differently.

Arthur Wrightington met with the Sewer Commission to discuss his license being permanently revoked on January 29, 2008. Mr. Wrightington said he had a delay with the connection at the Sunshine Store because he had run into a 1200 gas tank and it had to be removed by another company. The plumbing work was just finished last Friday. He had planned to crush and fill the septic tank today but needed to speak to the Board about having his license application approved again. The Board stated that this was a difficult situation as their first responsibility is to the property owners. Mr. Cobb commented that all contractors must have current insurance and that the department cannot be constantly checking to be sure that policies have not lapsed or been cancelled. Mr. Wrightington stated that he planned to obtain all of his insurance from the same company in order to keep things simple and that they would be kept up to date.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to reverse the decision of January 29, 2008, to permanently revoke the Drain Layer License for Arthur Wrightington and to give him one last chance to comply with all department requirements. If he does not comply then his license will be permanently revoked and will not be reinstated. He must turn in all the paperwork for each job as it is completed.

No new applications will be submitted for approval until the previous job is complete. The motion was unanimously voted.

Mr. Wrightington agreed to file a new application for a Drain Layer License as soon as possible. He was informed not to crush and fill the septic tank at the Sunshine Store until his application has been reviewed and a new license issued to him.

Department bills totaling \$8941.04 were signed. A special bill schedule form was needed for the work CDM did for the Thorndike layout. A new schedule for the \$4320.00 bill was signed and will be forwarded to the Planning Board for the remaining signatures.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Sean Walsh, to approve minutes for the dates of Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Nov. 28 Roundtable, Dec. 6 MEPA Scoping Session for Thorndike, Dec. 19 at DEP, Jan 14 final betterment meeting, Jan 15 and Jan. 29, 2008. The motion was unanimously voted.

The Board discussed the building permit application for 10 Standish Avenue West. A copy of a draft deed restriction was distributed for the Board to review and edit. Once a final draft is ready Ms. Fiore will forward it to Town Counsel for review.

A building permit application was reviewed for 117 Main Street. A new business called Hollyberries Country Gifts has applied to make renovations to the building. There were no objections and the permit was approved and signed.

Kopelman and Paige forwarded easements for Hillcrest Road to the Sewer Commission to be signed, notarized and returned to Katharine Klein for recording.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Sean Walsh, to accept and sign the easements from Thelma Holmes and the Kingston Housing Authority. The motion was unanimously voted.

The Board executed the documents from Thelma Holmes and the Kingston Housing Authority as requested. They will be forwarded to Ms. Klein.

Ms. Fiore reported that she had received another Feasibility Report from KEMA regarding the Wind Turbine project. The file was too large to email but a copy will be transferred to the office files with a memory stick. A copy will be provided to Mr. LaBrache. The Sewer Commission will post a meeting with the Green Committee for March 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM to discuss the latest reports.

An email from Mark Reich to Anne Bingham was reviewed. The email had to do with a proposed agreement to continue using a 20 year old septic system at 37 Bay Farm Road. This property was required to connect to the sewer by July 2002 but has not.

The Sewer Commissioners discussed the need for a warrant article for the Fall Town Meeting, to establish a deadline for the connection of properties in Phase 2 of the sewer project.

Ms. Fiore discussed that she had spoken to the Fire Chief about obtaining an emergency generator for the Elementary and Intermediate School pumping station on Hilltop Avenue. Chief Heath stated that they did not have any funding in the KEMA budget to purchase a generator. Ms. Fiore told him the Sewer Commission would not be purchasing a generator. Chief Heath said that he would have a pump truck stationed at the pumping station in the event of a power outage and/or when they require the use of the school as a shelter. Ms. Fiore said she would draft a letter stating these facts and to clarify that the Town would be responsible for obtaining the pump truck and paying the bill for it.

Drain Layer Application renewals were reviewed and approved for All Site Excavating Corp., Fox Run Landscape and SLT Construction Corp.

Mr. Vandal reported that a vehicle had backed into the generator cabinet at Solstice resulting in significant damage. Nancy Howlett will contact the Town's insurance carrier to see what coverage is available for the repair.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to refund connection deposit money to McDougall Brothers and W & W Builders. The motion was unanimously voted. Both contractors have provided construction bonds since the deposits were made.

Ms. Fiore discussed that the Board of Selectmen would like the Sewer Commissioners to use Jonathan Silverman, from Kopelman and Paige, to handle the delinquent user fees case with Mr. Tonsberg. The Board agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr. Silverman to review the matter.

Kopelman and Paige has rescheduled the Appellate Tax Board hearing planned for last week to Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 9:30 am. The hearing is regarding Mr. Dwyer's appeal of an abatement denial he received for property he owns at 3 Blair Drive. Kopelman and Paige will provide representation for the Sewer Commission.

Since there is no urgent business pending at this time, it appears that the meeting scheduled for February 26, 2008 can be cancelled. The next meeting scheduled is on March 11, 2008. If nothing requires attention on February 26th, a cancellation notice will be posted.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Sean Walsh, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion was unanimously voted.

Suzanne Richards
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