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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 Peter Cobb. Members attending tonight were Peter Cobb and Thomas Taylor. Ms. Fiore was unable to attend due to a conflicting appointment.

Department bills were reviewed and signed totaling \$57,826.47 as was a Nextel telephone bill for \$119.44.

George Pongratz met with the Board to review his application for a Drain Layer License. Mr. Pongratz reviewed his experience as a drain layer and septic system installer including licenses he has held in various towns including Quincy, Hanover and Boston. He stated he has completed large and small size jobs and has many years of experience. The Board reviewed the references that were provided by Hanover and Pembroke stating that all work done in their towns was high quality and that they have received no complaints. All of the application requirements had been met. The license was approved and signed as was the connection application for 7 Crescent Street. The connection will be scheduled with Mr. Vandal and Mr. Pongratz will provide either a Drain Layer Bond or \$300.00 connection deposit prior to connection.

The Board discussed implementing a fee to reapply for a sewer connection after the 90 day application period expires. They felt that everyone has had ample opportunity to complete their connections by now and that the fee should be paid since they have not complied with the terms of the Connection Application.

MOTION, by Thomas Taylor, seconded by Peter Cobb, to implement a \$125.00 fee to reapply for a sewer connection that has past the 90 day permit limit. The motion was so voted.

The Board discussed the possibility of constructing a leaching field at the Transfer Station site. The cost of permitting would be approximately \$300,000.00 according to CDM. The Board would continue to seek the Davis property as a disposal site as well but it seems feasible to have disposal capability close to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. A great deal of money could be saved on piping.

The Board briefly discussed a request for a connection deadline extension from the owner of 15 Oak Street. She has plans to complete the connection in August and is willing to pay the fine until that time. Mr. Cobb said he would look into this matter.

MOTION, by Thomas Taylor, seconded by Peter Cobb, to approve the minutes for Dec. 9, 2009, GEC for Jan. 7, 2010 and Jan. 12 and 26, 2010. The motion was so voted.

A brief review of the budget was conducted as was a review of a chart of potential user rates calculated with a 5% increase in expenses and a 3% increase in personnel costs annually. The Board will meet with the Finance Committee on February 25, 2010 to discuss the Wastewater Enterprise budget request.

MOTION, by Thomas Taylor, seconded by Peter Cobb, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. The motion was so voted.

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