

MINUTES
January 27, 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.

The Board signed Department bills totaling \$368.72 and \$15,655.60. Engineering services for CDM totaling \$3,682.67 and \$4,371.51 were also approved and signed.

A letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding estimates from CDM for the proposed plant expansion and estimates received from Weston and Sampson was reviewed, approved and signed. Copies of the letter will also be provided to the ZBA, Planning Board, Building Inspector and Water Commission.

Ms. Fiore discussed that Mr. Vandal has requested that the Board approve reducing the septage rate for the month of February from 8 cents per gallon to 7 cents per gallon. There was no objection to this proposal.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to reduce the septage rate for the month of February 2009 from 8 cents per gallon to 7 cents per gallon. The motion was so voted.

The Board reviewed a memo from the Board of Health regarding RK Crossing failing to connect the Dollar Tree. The Board decided that a letter should be sent to RK Crossing stating that they must abide by the original agreement they made with the Sewer Commission to connect the Dollar Tree to the sewer.

The Board also discussed how to bill the RK Crossing complex for their sewer use. Ms. Fiore did not feel that billing them based on the percentage of the complex that is connected to the sewer was an appropriate method of billing. If there was a unit consuming a large amount of water this percentage method would be unfair to the other sewer customers. The Board will contact Marylou Joyce about matching the individual meter readings at RK Crossing to the Master Meter reading that the Water Department uses for billing. A letter to Kevin Belmont will be prepared for the Board and Marylou Joyce to review.

Ms. Fiore discussed setting up a second email account for the Sewer Commission to use to send out email notices to customers. The account should be accessible from both office computers. The Town's computer consultant was working on this but has not set the account up to work as needed. More work is needed to correct the problem.

Mike Brophy from L. Knife attended to ask the Board about the mezzanine office improvements they have proposed for the building. He also mentioned that there could be an outdoor patio/terrace area the might have potential to be converted into additional office space at a later date. Both of these features were included on the connection plan they submitted. The office mezzanine is a new space that creates a second story space

above the warehouse area. This space would add another ERU of use that should be covered by the 20 ERU's they have already been assessed. Mr. Vandal has reviewed and approved the connection plan. Mr. Brophy asked if it would be acceptable to put in a Y joint at the sewer stub when they make the connection for L. Knife out to Bradford Avenue. By doing so it would allow the capability to connect the house lot at a future date without cutting into the road with another sewer stub. The Board felt that Mr. Brophy should discuss this with Mr. Vandal and let him make the determination. Everyone was in agreement that Mr. Brophy should check with Mr. Vandal regarding the Y connection and that once that has been determined an easement needs to be provided and the letter from Mr. Sheehan needs to be received before the connection can be done.

There was a brief discussion of 402 Country Club Way. The potential buyer wants to know if he can finish the basement. He has stated he does not want to purchase the home unless he can finish the basement. New Title V information has been received from the Building Department. It says that for homes with more than 8 rooms that the total number of rooms is divided by 2 to determine the sizing of a septic system. They consider the ending number as the total number of bedrooms. Bathrooms and hallways are not included in the total room count. The total number of rooms listed on the field card for 402 Country Club Way is 18. Going by the Title V information that would mean there would be a Title V sewer flow equal to 9 bedrooms. This would put the house at 3 ERU's of flow already. The potential buyer wants to add a family room in the basement. The Board would need to see a floor plan before they could make a determination of whether they could approve finishing the basement.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009. The motion was so voted.

The Board discussed that Thorndike Development has a meeting scheduled at DEP tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Fiore plans to attend.

The Board signed letters to all Drain Layers that failed to renew their licenses by the January 9, 2009 deadline. The names of the Drain Layers will be removed from the active list until they have renewed.

The Board discussed splitting the water/sewer bill into 2 separate bills. All of the information would be generated in the same manner as it is now except there would be a separate bill printed for the sewer portion of the bill and the separate sewer bill would be sent to a lock box.

The Inn at Plymouth Bay was discussed. They are not paying their sewer charges and a letter has been sent to the Collector. The Board has not received a reply to the letter.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

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