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Minutes
May 18, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was held tonight and called to order at approximately 7:08 PM by Elaine Fiore. Members in attendance were Elaine Fiore and Peter Cobb.

The first order of business was the reorganization of the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

MOTION, by Peter Cobb, seconded by Elaine Fiore, to nominate Elaine Fiore to serve as the Chair of the Sewer Commission. The motion was so voted.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to nominate Peter Cobb to serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Sewer Commission. The motion was so voted.

A memo will be prepared to notify the Town Clerk and the Town Administrator of the reorganization of the Sewer Commission.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Peter Cobb, to approve the minutes of March 23, April 20 and May 5, 2010. The motion was so voted.

Mr. Vandal had asked that the Sewer Commission discuss billing the School Department indirect costs that are associated with the maintenance of the Hilltop Avenue pump station that serves only the Elementary and Intermediate Schools. The Board will hold this item on the agenda to discuss with Mr. Vandal at the next meeting.

Ms. Fiore discussed that the owners of 6 Hillcrest Road and 103 Summer Street have requested extensions of the sewer connection deadline due to hardships. Ms. Fiore met with the owner of 6 Hillcrest Rd. and her lawyer at the hearing held on May 14, 2010. She has been granted an extension until August 13, 2010. A letter was received from the owner of 103 Summer Street stating difficult times as well and that he has applied for an assistance loan to complete the connection. He has also been granted an extension until August 13, 2010.

Ms. Fiore discussed that the Finance Committee is going to recommend that the stipend paid to elected and appointed officials will be reduced from \$1200.00 for the Chairman to \$1000.00 and from \$1000.00 for members to \$800.00.

The Board reviewed the meeting schedule for the remainder of calendar year 2010. The June 15 meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled to June 22, 2010. Appointments will be rescheduled for that date as well. In July, the July 13 meeting will be held and the July 27 meeting will be cancelled. The August 10 meeting will be held and the August 24 meeting will be cancelled. The schedule for the remainder of the year will be revisited at a later date. Posting changes will be made at the Clerk's office.



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Ms. Fiore reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Article for surplus revenue.
The Sewer Commission will request allocating \$1,075,000.00 to be used as follows:

\$250,000	Diffusers
\$375,000	100% Plant Design
\$400,000	Leaching Fields, Permitting, Land Acquisition
\$50,000	Aging Equipment

The article will be written up and provided to the Sewer Commission for review as soon as possible.

Ms. Fiore mentioned that there had been some discussion with Town Counsel regarding the Calista property that is being proposed to be purchased by the Town with Community Preservation funds (CPA). She explained to Counsel that there is a one unit betterment (1 ERU = 330 gallons per day) assessed to the property that the Town would be responsible to pay for. This money must be reimbursed to the State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF Loan) Program. The property has also been assessed connection fees, pending approval of a development plan for the land, that are refundable should the project be withdrawn from consideration.

Mr. Fiore stated that she is scheduled to appear in court on June 8, 2010 to resolve the case with Robert Laine. Mr. Laine has never abandoned his septic system and never requested a final inspection of the sewer connection. He also still needs to abandon a septic system on Hillcrest Road. Other cases are being continued to a date yet to be determined for all of the people that did not show up at court on May 7 and 14, 2010.

Mary Barrett Costello sent a letter to the Sewer Commission requesting that they consider her petition to install a commercial dishwasher at the Jones Rover Trading Company at 42 Elm Street. The Board determined that no new information has been received since the meeting with Mr. Beaton and Mr. Eldridge. The petition is not approved. A letter will be sent to Ms. Barrett-Costello.

MOTION, by Peter Cobb, seconded by Elaine Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. The motion was so voted.

Suzanne Richards
Administrative Assistant