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Minutes
November 2, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was held tonight at 7:00 PM in Room 203 of the Town Hall. Members in attendance were Elaine Fiore, Peter Cobb and Thomas Taylor. Also in attendance were Mary O'Donnell and Kevin Klein.

Ms. Fiore called the meeting at 7:00 PM and began a discussion with Ms. O'Donnell and Mr. Klein regarding the leaching field needs of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Ms. Fiore mentioned that she understood that Ms. O'Donnell was considering the possibility of constructing a package plant on the Wastewater Treatment Facility site that would handle 125,000 gallons per day (gpd) of additional sewer flow. She also mentioned that the permitting process for the new leaching field at the Transfer Station site was already in progress. Mr. Klein added that should a different site be needed to dispose of effluent that it would take about 18 months to permit it. He asked for clarification of how betterments would be assessed to an apartment building and/or condominiums. Ms. Fiore explained that they would be assessed according to the number of bedrooms and assessed to the apartment complex, condominium association or individual property owner. A lien would be placed on each deed that was assessed a betterment, unless the betterment is paid in full. It was estimated that there could be 200, 1 or 2 bedroom apartments constructed on Ms. O'Donnell's land. A package plant for 125,000 gpd would cost about \$3.5 million. Ms. Fiore stated that with a contribution of \$3 million that the current Wastewater Treatment Facility could be expanded. If it could be paid over time then the plant could be expanded with a 3rd SBR. Ms. O'Donnell stated that if her project provided a package plant for \$3.5 million up front then the Town would be able to pay that cost back over time. The number of bedrooms and living units still needs to be determined but should be between 200 and 250. Mr. Klein questioned whether there would be room for a package plant at the Wastewater Treatment Facility site. It would be approximately 60 X 100 feet in size. He also questioned whether the prevailing wage laws would apply if a private developer were to pay for a package plant constructed on public land. Mr. Klein asked Mr. Vandal if there were any private pump stations run by the Town Wastewater Department. Mr. Vandal replied that there were no private pump stations run by the Town and that the Town would not operate a private pump station. Mr. Vandal briefly discussed how the SBR process works; starting at the headworks building and going through the SBRs. Mr. Klein asked if there was a cost estimate yet for the plant expansion. Ms. Fiore said that there were cost estimates provided by CDM and that she would email the information to Mr. Klein. Mr. Klein asked Mr. Vandal if he could meet with him next week for a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. A meeting was set for Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

The Board approved and signed a bill schedule for department bills totaling \$18,532.61.

Pictures of 31 Jones River Drive were reviewed. The pictures were taken by ServPro. The Board discussed a similar event that took place several years ago related to an equipment failure at the Marsh Road pump station. The property owner was advised by the Selectmen's office to file a claim with homeowners insurance. The Selectmen's office has advised the Sewer Commission office today that a claim should be filed with the Town's



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insurance for 31 Jones River Drive. Ms. Fiore will call the property owners and give them an update.

The Board discussed the waiting list and the 40B project planned for Indian Pond Estates. Ms. Fiore discussed that Town Counsel would be sending a letter to Mr. Tonsberg regarding the sewer capacity remaining available to his development.

In other topics of discussion, the Board will contact Robert Kraus regarding 7000 gpd of sewer capacity for RK Crossing and the Board discussed filing a CPA application for funding for infrastructure for affordable housing.

MOTION, by Elaine Fiore, seconded by Thomas Taylor, to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Vandal discussed the department budget and reviewed several changes needed for some of the line items. The changes will not increase or decrease the budget. The Ford F250 will be replaced with a Ford F350 as it is listed on the Fleet Schedule and as a Capital Plan item.

Mr. Vandal discussed the Hilltop Avenue Generator. South Shore sent an email today stating that they are waiting for a cost estimate from their electrician. A fence will be installed around the generator. He will consult with the Conservation Agent to see what the Conservation Commission might require.

Ms. Fiore reported that the revised By-Pass Piping contract is being reviewed by CDM's counsel and Town Counsel. The Sewer Commission should be receiving the new version of the contract shortly.

Ms. Fiore also reported that Don Freeman, at CDM, will be following up with DEP regarding the approval of the Groundwater Discharge Permit. It has been quite some time since the application was submitted.

The Town's insurance policy was discussed. Are grinder pumps covered for replacement? The insurance schedule says that they are but that there is a \$250.00 deductible. Mr. Vandal questioned what conditions the policy sets for replacement. An updated copy of the policy has been requested. There was some discussion of what other equipment should be listed and what the coverage might cost for adding items to the list.

MOTION, by Thomas Taylor, seconded by Peter Cobb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Suzanne Richards
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