

Construction Meeting  
Contract 8  
Thursday June 8, 2006

In Attendance:

Revoli Construction Company Inc: Shawqi Alsarabi – Owner (Arrived at end of meeting)  
Aldo Palumbo – Office Manager  
James Goulet – Superintendent, Wapping Road  
Abdallah Abutaleb – Superintendent, Summer Street

Conservation: Maureen Thomas

Police Department: Chief Rebello and Lt. Kelley

CDM: Tom Casey and Robert Masse

Sewer: Elaine Fiore, Peter Cobb and Ken Vandal

- Elaine Fiore began by stating that an owner from Revoli Construction should be present at this meeting to address serious problems that have occurred and need to be addressed. She was told Mr. Alsarabi would be late because of heavy traffic.
- Chief Rebello asked who the project manager was and complained about the mess the roads are being left in. He complained that people from the Water Department were being called out at night needlessly to argue over whether a trench was a water trench or a sewer trench and then it ended up being a sewer trench. Detours are not being set up properly and changes are being made on the job. Advance discussion needs to be taken care of so that detour arrangements are made in advance. He asked that Shawqi Alsarabi see him at the Police Station when he arrives and has time to discuss these issues.
- Ms. Fiore made it clear that they were not to leave any broken drain pipes in the trench, fill the trench, and plan to repair the break on another day at any time, especially if rain is expected like it was over the past week. She stated that she should not have to baby sit work crews to be sure that they are doing what should be done. If CDM ends up calling in more engineers to baby sit Revoli work crews, then Revoli will pay for the additional help needed not the Town of Kingston. Aldo Palumbo stated that a crew was out there all day Saturday and Sunday morning addressing this problem and that it had been a bad judgment call not to repair the broken drain. Robert Masse stressed the need to call the Conservation agent, the Water Department and Highway Department whenever there is a broken drain or water line. If the calls had been made then the problems that are now being dealt with due to poor judgment decisions would not have to be discussed now. He continued that Abdallah, superintendent on Summer Street, needs to make the decision not to work or to shut down work in severe weather conditions. He should be able to shut down the job if conditions deteriorate and become unsafe. The weather should be watched if conditions get worse on the job. Process gravel needs to be used in the trenches. Gravel #19 should be used and then recycled asphalt should be put down over that. Excavated dirt should not be used because it washes away. Revoli should stockpile materials during the day to be prepared for the 2 crews that will be working at night. Emergency materials should be on hand day or night. Mr. Abutaleb explained that on Tuesday night a

crew had to be taken from Summer Street to fix Wapping Road. At least 2 hours were allowed to dress the road each day or night. Ms. Thomas said she had heard that the Summer Street trench was filling up with water Tuesday night and that they were pumping the water from the trench. She did not receive a call. Mr. Abutaleb said that they did not pump the trench Tuesday night. They swept the road for 2 hours to be sure no sand would flow into the drains. Ms. Thomas said she had only heard that the trenches were filling up with water and that they were being pumped so the crews could keep working. Jim Goulet said they had placed hay bales on Wapping Road and that someone must have pulled them to relieve the water that was collecting at the drains. Ms. Thomas asked that silt fences be set up if the hay bales are working to hold back stockpiled materials. Mr. Goulet said it was his fault that the drain was not fixed. He wanted to do a good job replacing the full length at the same time to get a good grade line for the pipe. He forgot to call Mr. Basler. Mr. Masse reminded him that the curb needs to be put back in place. Mr. Palumbo stated that the curb should be replaced Friday if the weather permits. Ms. Thomas said if rain is predicted that they should clean up the site in advance of rainfall instead of concentrating on laying new pipe. Mr. Masse instructed them not to leave any broken pipe for the rest of the project. Mr. Cobb stated that there is a forecast for 3 inches of rain over the next 3 days. Mr. Goulet said if the weather is good that they will get everything cleaned up tomorrow and on Saturday if needed. Summer Street will be paved today and they plan to do clean up tomorrow in preparation for the weekend.

- Mr. Masse asked if they still plan to alternate traffic by lane between Winthrop Street and Tremont Street. Mr. Abutaleb replied that this was still their plan.
- Mr. Goulet mentioned that there was a guardrail at the end of Keith, by Stop and Shop. If this was taken out temporarily the road could be used as a detour in an emergency. Mr. Abutaleb said he had spoken to the Police Department about alternating the traffic by lanes and they felt it would work. There is not much traffic after 10:00 PM. Mr. Goulet said that they would try to get at least one side of the service connections and if possible both sides, while the road is closed down with the detour.

Mr. Alsarabi arrived and was told that the Police Chief wanted him to meet with him at the Police Station immediately after this meeting. Ms. Fiore said that she hoped things will change and that this type of issue will never happen again. Mr. Casey stated that people have to be notified. The Conservation agent, Highway Superintendent and Water Department have to be called when there is a problem. Mr. Alsarabi said that the day and night supervisors need to communicate and that all communications from the Town or CDM need to go through the superintendents. The Superintendents are Jim Goulet during the day and Abdallah Abutaleb at night. They are the ones being held accountable for what occurs on the job site. If they cannot be reached then Aldo Palumbo should be contacted in an emergency. Mr. Cobb stated again that the forecast is predicting 3 inches of rain on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Alsarabi stated that he had not checked the forecast for Friday and Saturday yet. CDM stated that the Police Chief has stated that they will be shut down if safety becomes a concern again.

Ms. Thomas asked Mr. Casey if CDM would be taking any grab samples. Mr. Casey said it did not look like this would need to be done. He expects confirmation next Monday. They will still need the proper permits for work.

Mr. Casey asked Mr. Alsarabi to submit estimates for Flight pumps at the pumping stations. Mr. Alsarabi said that Myers pumps fit the specifications better and their maintenance record is better. Ms. Fiore said that the Town wants to keep all of the pumps the same as the Phase 1 pump stations have Flight pumps. Ms. Casey said that if the specifications include Flight pumps and are approved then they can get moving forward with the pump stations as soon as possible.

Mr. Alsarabi mentioned that they have installed 9 manholes with only 26 inch openings but that they should have been 32 inch openings. Can the 9 manholes remain or do they have to be replaced? The manhole at the corner of Maple Street and Summer Street has a 24 inch opening. All of the remaining manholes that have not been installed yet have been changed to the correct size. Summer Street has some and Wapping Road has some. Mr. Casey said they should check with Ken Vandal but they should be fine.

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