

Minutes
Sewer Commission at Roundtable
November 28, 2007

Attendees: Tom Bott, Matt Darsch, Chief Rebello, Maurice Splaine, Elaine Fiore, Ken Vandal, Fire Dept., Paul Armstrong

Summary of Discussion

- Mr. Bott started the discussion with a review of the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) for 1021 Kingston's Place highway ramp submitted to the State for review by Lloyd Geisinger. Comments are due to the State by December 11, 2007. The Secretary has the option to omit the need for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), skipping right to the final EIR.
- Several options for the access ramp to access Route 44 instead of Route 3 have been considered. One of them involved a road to the rear of the mall. The alternative options have been eliminated.
- Mr. Geisinger has asked for a Phase 1 Waiver so that he may prepare the EIR at the same time as the planning of the highway ramp begins. Mr. Bott stated that he had heard that they have received the waiver. All comments that are submitted to the ENF will be included in the EIR.
- The MEPA Scoping Session will be on December 6, 2007, with Deirdre Buckley at 9:00 a.m. in Room 200 at the Town Hall. Mr. Bott suggested that all comments on the Wastewater Treatment Facility, leaching fields and future wastewater needs be included in the letter to MEPA.
- Recent studies show that 80% of the MBTA traffic flow will head southbound when exiting the train station. All roadways should be wired at construction to accommodate future traffic signal needs. The earliest date for the groundbreaking for the ramp would be about 9 months away.
- Alternative 2 is at 25% completion layout design. Ms. Fiore asked if there are any other opportunities to comment along the approval process, such as at 50% completion. There is limited real estate to work with to fit the WWTF, Transfer Station and Wind Turbine all in the limited circle of space. The WWTF layout has not been finished yet.
- Mr. Bott commented that MEPA is not the final ruling authority. Mr. Armstrong asked if the Town would have the final say over the location of the ramp. Mr. Bott commented that the Town could specify what their needs are and then Mass. Highway would determine if the needs meet their standards. Mr. Armstrong replied that it seems there is a need for a layout of all 3 projects, the WWTF,

Transfer Station and Wind Turbine, to make sure that the area within the loop is sufficient to site everything.

- The Village at Crescent Street – 40 B is a proposed 8 unit, 3 bedroom, single family home development on approximately a 1 acre site. There is only enough sewer capacity for 2, 3 bedroom homes. The comment period is open ended right now because they are still waiting for the State to get their appraisals.
- William Gould Way – The Plymouth Planning Board approved 3 auto dealerships and a 5 story hotel. The ZBA and Mr. Bott commented on this project that all of these were situated in Plymouth with the only access to them through Kingston. They asked that the permit not be approved until the road is brought out to Cherry Street. Approval was granted but Plymouth is asking that the roadway be brought out to Cherry Street. The Independence Mall owns the area across Cherry Street where the road should have been brought out. It is a holding area for the Water Department well site. The Plymouth DPW wanted a 4-way intersection but it is now considering moving the road in either direction of the existing road to the Route 44 access. It would be closer to Verc and Waste Management and would not be a 4-way intersection. Another problem is that there is only 1 drainage basin on William Gould Way. This project should pay to add additional drainage to the Plymouth side of William Gould Way. This project will be before the Planning Board to be discussed again on December 10, 2007.

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