



TOWN OF COHASSET

Sewer Commission

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Sewer Commission Meeting Agenda

DATE: April 7, 2009
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Meeting Room 2B, Town Hall

Meeting called to order @ 6:09 p.m.

Attendance: Sean Cuning, Dan Coughlin, John Beck, Dick Nye, Diane Hindley, Wayne Sawchuck

1. **Office Business:**

Date of next meeting: May 5, 2009

- Approval of minutes from 3/3/2009: motion to approve, unanimous
- Drain layer licenses: signatures needed

2. **Veolia Water:**

- a. Monthly Operating Report for February: Attached.
- b. WWTP: Noise / Odor / Light Complaints: None
- c. Collection System: There are 2 repairs that need to be addressed. At the Deer Hill School, in the bus lane, there are two manhole covers that are sunk and they may need to be excavated to be repaired. The second repair is at the Sailing Club, in the driveway before the turn around. It looks like the cap of the clean out was broken off during the winter, possibly by a snow plow. This is public property and the cover will have to be replaced. Dan Coughlin and Dick Nye will look into both of these items.
- d. Maintenance Fund:
- e. Additional Veolia business:
 - Mass. DEP Report/Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)/Bypass
 - Correspondence from Dick Nye regarding outstanding invoice
 - Veolia Water: Nor'easter Newsletter

3. **Enterprise Fund Report:**

Income Statement / Balance Sheet –February: Not available.

4. **Connection Status February:**

- North – 273
- Central –572

5. **Correspondence/Communications:**

- Board of Health-Bayberry Lane Pump Station Overflow March 4, 2009.

In response to the request from the Board of Health letter, Dick Nye shares his Sanitary Sewer Overflow report to the Mass DEP. Dick then elaborates on what caused the overflow to go unnoticed. There was a double failure on the alarm system. This was a very unique situation and has never happened before. The pump stations are nine years old. Dan Coughlin makes a recommendation to the Board that we start looking into doing an

overhaul of these stations. The situation we had was a double failure on the alarm system. Bubbled up over the cleanout in the neighbor's lawn, this property has a toilet in their basement; their sewer service coming into the basement is pretty flat. This cleanout acted as a relief point. Dan is recommending backwater valves so that any backpressure will be held back from flooding the house at susceptible properties. Rosano Davis can do the installation and leave a cleanout with an 18 inch manhole cover. Each pump station has generators and they are exercised and checked monthly according to Dick Nye. He will start testing the high water alarms and he will start checking the check valves from now on. Dick will provide us with the written change in his maintenance program. Beck would like Dan to respond to the Board of Health letter and to submit a report on how we have responded and what we plan to do in the future to prevent this from happening again.

- Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc.-so noted
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- Frank Reid-Master Electrician-so noted
- GE Water & Process Technologies-Zenontrac Service Extension-so noted
- Town of Cohasset-Board of Selectmen-South Shore Arts Center Festival-so noted
- Town of Cohasset-Board of Selectmen-Cohasset Farmer's Market-so noted
- Town of Cohasset-Board of Selectmen-Annual Cohasset Little League Parade-so noted

6. **Old Business:**

- 264 Jerusalem Road-Meg and Tom Nelson-would like an update on the sewer line and the Sturdy driveway

Mr. Nelson is concerned that the original plans are not being followed and is concerned. DC describes the original design to go up Sturdy driveway, and would like all utilities to go that way. Some people have rights for utility in that area and others do not. Time is of essence as the construction is winding down. There are four properties involved and two stubs have been provided for the people that have displayed the rights. The other two properties do not have utility easement rights just prescriptive. The Nelson's have the right and they find it unacceptable to leave the stub at the right of way. Their water line runs the entire length of the driveway. Coughlin would like Sturdy to offer a temporary easement; the Nelsons are the only ones who have the easement, no one else. The driveway would have to be completely rebuilt and Sturdy does not want the liability of a public sewer on his property. To go through a driveway is unacceptable to Sturdy. The original layout was that it was a multiple service to be put there. Common sense prevailed about the location. The Nelson's feel that it is the Town's responsibility to resolve this.

The Sewer Commission is currently seeking approval from the DEP to sleeve the pipes so water and sewer can be in the same trench. The Commission offers this as a possible solution to Sturdy's concerns which would include a new driveway and field testing upon completion by an independent firm if he would grant an easement to the other two properties. Dan Coughlin will have a draft proposal for all of this for Sturdy's review.

7. **New Business:**

- 74 Beach Street-Barbara Power
Richard Henderson is here on behalf of Barbara Powers. Two edu's have already been allocated for the property at 74 Beach Street although there are three defined lots. Henderson would like to switch one of the edu's to a different parcel. This would not be an increase. The Board requests that there is a deed restriction on the coach house

specifying that it will be a seasonal guest house only and cannot be developed beyond that.

- 100 Pond Street-Joseph and Lilly Sestito-Rich Henderson is here to represent the Sestito's regarding two parcels of land that encroach the perimeter of 100 Pond Street, one owned by Sestito and the other is owned by the McNulty Family Trust. It seems that the McNulty's have lost interest in trying to develop their property with 100 Pond Street but the Sestito's are still pursuing this avenue. They would like to develop a three unit structure to resemble the cluster development that currently exists at 100 Pond Street. The Planning Board was very open about this at previous informal hearings. The Sestito's have one edu and would like the Commission to consider increasing that allocation to a total of three edu's. Since this request sounds more like a change of use and this is for a cluster development not for developing 3 single family homes, Dan Coughlin suggests that Henderson draw up something with very specific restrictions that the Board would review prior to approval. Henderson requests that they be put on the agenda for the next meeting which is scheduled for May 5th.
- 100 Pond Street Condominium Trust-Stephen Hague, Chairman-Board of Trustees Steve Hague is here to present his report to the Sewer Commission. His flow charts are based upon the reports that have been submitted. He is officially asking for an additional connection due to their very low flows, they will record the flows monthly and submit quarterly reports; they will also have the flow meter calibrated. Quarterly reports will be fine with the Commission. That leaves the issue of the increase from a half edu to a full one; the building that formerly housed the treatment plant has an existing toilet. Mr. Hague will come by the office for a Modified Use application, the Board would like him to include the water meter readings from 2006-2009.

8. **Coughlin Environmental Services:**

9. **Abatement Requests:**

- 8 Elm Court-Michael Sullivan-the Board agrees to approve the abatement request for the full amount under the condition that Mr. Sullivan pay his sewer bill in full, less the requested abatement amount. A letter will be sent to this effect.

10. **Connection fees due:**

- 8 James Lane, Stephen Cleary: \$270,000 due on September 1, 2009
- 31 (rear) South Main Street, Erica Rice: \$60,000 due on March 15, 2009-10 days to respond or it will be removed from the list. Send certified mail.
- 55 South Main Street, George Roukounakis: \$195,000 due on March 15, 2009-10 days to respond or it will be removed from the list. Send certified mail.
- 2 Smith Place, 2 Smith Place Realty Development, Inc.: \$285,000 due on September 1, 2009

11. **Open Discussion:**

Matt Lynch of Lynch Development Corporation (drain layer) has questions regarding the timeline on connections and ejector pump installation. Dan Coughlin responds that most likely the contracts were executed today for the E1 pumps. There will be a voucher system for the pumps. Drain layers will be receiving notification of the training offered by FR Mahoney within the next two weeks.

Carol St. Pierre is here to notarize the easements. The Board makes a motion to approve all easements at once. They have been granted to the town and reflect the sewer line as-builts in the system.