



# TOWN OF COHASSET

## Sewer Commission

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### Sewer Commission Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** August 18, 2009

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Basement Meeting Room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order @ 6:05 p.m.

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

1. **Office Business:**

**Date of next meeting:** Saturday, September 26, 2009 @ 9a.m. for the monthly meeting followed by an informational forum for residents in the new Little Harbor district from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Approval of minutes from 7/14/2009- grammatical corrections are pointed out. Otherwise approved unanimously as modified.
- As of September the Sewer Commission office will be open the same hours as Town Hall (M,W,Th 8:30-4:30; Tues 8:30-7; Fri 8:30-1)
- Request for vacation days: Thursday, August 20, Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27.

2. **Veolia Water:**

- a. Monthly Operating Report for July: Attached. 100% BOD & TSS removal continues to amaze Dick Nye that we are taking all of the pollutants out of the water.
- b. WWTP: Noise / Odor / Light Complaints: Year 13, no complaints.
- c. Collection System: Break at 149 Linden Drive yesterday, it was fixed. It is the end of the system, a cap at the end of line where the flushing connection goes into and the cap had broken off. The rest of the cap is still in the pipe screwed on but no other signs of disruption.
- d. Maintenance Fund: \$3000 balance.
- e. Additional Veolia business:

John Beck likes the new added graph that Dick has included in the monthly report. The rain events depicted on the graph that are less than an inch and a half appear to have no effect on the influent flow but when you get a two and half inch event or greater there is a significant change in inflow. Coughlin details the variables that are determined by the time of year and ground absorption.

Sawchuck would like to inquire about the availability of spare parts as people begin to connect to the system and if that was a component of our contract with LM Holdings. There is further inquiry as to our existing contract with Veolia and what their responsibility is for the new connections. Coughlin replies that a contract amendment will be in order for Veolia. Anything from the pumping line to the street will be the homeowner's responsibility. It would be Dick Nye's responsibility to shut off the flow if there is a break; he has 2 hours to respond and must utilize a local vendor for any heavy equipment work, etc. Sawchuck would like to review

procedure in the event of a potential break or emergency. We do have an existing O&M manual but the Sewer Commission will have to prepare an emergency response protocol in writing and an update to the O&M to include the new low pressure system. Every lateral and every house is isolated. There is a shutoff every 1000 ft in the sewer main.

3. **Enterprise Fund Report:**

Income Statement / Balance Sheet –July: will be available next month

4. **Connection Status July:**

- North – 273
- Central –576 which include three new connections: 20 Parkway (omitted from last month's number), 89 Ripley Road and 100 Pleasant Street.

5. **Correspondence/Communications:**

- Chittick, 98 South Main Street-Temporary License Agreement modifications- each license agreement will be unique to the property. The intent was to be very clear. They will be given to Bill Griffin, Town Manager for execution after the initial site visit. The original will stay in the homeowners file until such time.
- Hill, 40 Atlantic Avenue-request for reimbursement-this really is a claim against the Sewer Commission. A pre blast survey was recommended particularly for the pool; at that time the pool was retaining water. Coughlin cannot dispute the fact that the work in the area did not affect her pool. We may be responsible for the water as well. John Beck moves to approve the reimbursement, the motion carries and the vote is unanimous. Dan adds that there are several claims that are being processed right now that should be directed to LM Holdings as their responsibility; Glenn Pratt will be notified of this.
- Calhoun, 2 Sheldon Road-Kelli Calhoun phoned the Sewer Commission office to request that something be put in writing as to why her remediation work is not being addressed at this time. The Sewer Commission comments that Mrs. Calhoun's attorney should speak to Town Counsel directly. Because we are not sure when this will be resolved and where the pavement will be, we cannot prematurely clean up an area that may be disturbed again. Further, we cannot reset the cobblestones until the asphalt is complete. This is a public meeting; therefore the minutes are recorded and will be released upon approval at our next meeting. John Beck requests that I send a copy of these minutes to Mrs. Calhoun upon their approval.
- Stephen Cleary, 8 James Lane and John Tedeschi, 2 Smith Place-both would like to request extension for payment of sewer connections. Cleary is still working with the Planning Board at this point and Tedeschi has recently received approval from the Conservation Commission to dig test pits. The Commission would like both parties to come to the October meeting which has yet to be scheduled to update us as to their progress. A motion is made to extend both payment deadlines until 10/31/2009; the motion carries and is unanimous.
- Town of Cohasset, Recreation Commission- inquiry to connect to the municipal system at Milliken Field on Bancroft Road for the purpose of permanent bathroom facilities and a snack shed with a sink. The Sewer Commission responds by encouraging the Recreation Commission to formally apply, there is a service there; this is part of the gravity system.

6. **Old Business:**

- Outstanding sewer connection enforcements: letter enclosed for approval. Approved for distribution.

7. **New Business:**

8. **Coughlin Environmental Services:**

Coughlin distributes the updated budget with the PAC included. It includes a couple of contingencies; most likely they will not be used.

Review of anticipated application fee and the detailed breakdown of the fee structure.

Discussion continues regarding our responsibility in conjunction with the intermunicipal NPDES permit we share with the Town of Hull and the Town of Hingham. Dan Coughlin has sent this correspondence to the Town of Hingham for their review and feedback.

Contract Amendment 2B between the Town of Cohasset and Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC is distributed for review. This is an amendment to the contract originally dated December 6, 2005. It details the scope of work for supplemental infiltration and inflow engineering, assessment, design and remediation in the Jacob's Meadow area. The estimated budget for this supplement is \$80,000. The estimated completion date for the work is June 2010. John Beck moves to approve amendment 2B. The motion carries unanimously.

9. **Abatement Requests:**

- Ramsay, 11 Great Brewster Trail A-approved
- Sullivan, 169 Border Street-approved
- Conetta, 173A Hull Street-approved

10. **Connection fees due:**

- 8 James Lane, Stephen Cleary: \$270,000 due on September 1, 2009
- 55 South Main Street, George Roukounakis: \$195,000 due on September 15, 2009
- 2 Smith Place, 2 Smith Place Realty Development, Inc.: \$285,000 due on September 1, 2009

11. **Open Discussion:**

Sean Cunning was approached by a drain layer who questioned the amount of our bond and why it was set at \$20,000, he felt that this was very high and surrounding towns did not request a bond near that amount. This can present a financial burden on some of the drain layers. The main purpose of having the bond in place is if an installation is done incorrectly and there are problems such as leaks and the drain layer does not suitably respond it allows the Commission to use the bond as a way to cover the cost of such repairs. A leak could also result in an environmental issue that requires an extensive cleanup. A bond can be called at any time. It cost about 10% to of the value of the bond. Sean thinks that this bond is quite excessive for the work

being performed on private property. Dan Coughlin explains that because this is a pressure sewer on private property the bond is justified at the amount we have determined. Coughlin adds that it is important to have this bond requirement while we have so many service connections being done, when all of the properties are connected we may reconsider reducing the amount of the bond.

Sean Cunning adds that he has received many complaints about landscaping issues and questions how much longer it will be before we start the clean up process. The paving really has to be done first before the clean up begins.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 pm.