



TOWN OF COHASSET

Sewer Commission

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Sewer Commission Meeting Agenda

DATE: May 5, 2009
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Meeting Room 2B, Town Hall

Meeting called to order @6:20 p.m.

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

1. **Office Business:**

Date of next meeting: June 9, 2009 @ 6:00 pm.

- Approval of minutes from 4/7/2009; motion to approve, unanimous
- Drain layer licenses: signatures needed
- Reorganization of Board: postponed until next month because Sean Cuning is not in attendance.
- New office space is 90% complete

2. **Veolia Water:**

- a. Monthly Operating Report for March: Attached
- b. WWTP: Noise / Odor / Light Complaints: Dick responded to an odor complaint around Pleasant Street, found nothing substantial, similar to the smell of a urinal but no sulfite smell.
- c. Collection System:
- d. Maintenance Fund: doing well, \$850 spent last month, \$2000 under budget.
- e. Additional Veolia business:
Zenon was in town for a semi annual inspection and thought the membranes were working superbly. Better than drinking water, etc.; the screens were 3mm but now we have 2 mm screens. Dick is happy to announce that Veolia Water will be sponsoring a local baseball team.

3. **Enterprise Fund Report:**

Income Statement / Balance Sheet –April: Attached

4. **Connection Status April:**

- North – 273
- Central –573

5. **Correspondence/Communications:**

- Leila and Brian Hill-40 Atlantic Avenue-Dan Coughlin went to visit with Mrs. Hill and he seems to think she is satisfied with his suggestions. Mrs. Hill was concerned with her driveway and the grading, there were some edges that were higher and lower than before. Dan will work with the Hill's and come up with a proposal to correct the issues that they are concerned with.
- Pre-Prom/Post-Prom Committees-Red Carpet festivities at Town Hall and William B. Long, Jr. Road on May 29 & May 30

6. **Old Business:**

7. **New Business:**

- 74 Beach Street-Barbara Power, property owner-Attny.Henderson is here with the covenant; 2 edu's were allocated to one single lot. The 2 edu's will be allocated to Map 19 Plot 4 and Map 19 Plot 4A. One edu has been assigned to the other lot. There will be no confusion that we are assigning edu's to a vacant lot. The Board agrees to assign one edu to 74 Beach Street (Map 19 Plot 4), and the other to Map 19 Plot 4A. Attny. Henderson must record this in the covenant to reassign one of the edu's. There are two structures on the main property known as 74 Beach Street hence the original allocation of two edu's. The barn on the property, which has a toilet in it, will be considered an accessory dwelling not a separate home.
- 100 Pond Street-Joseph and Lilly Sestito-Attny. Henderson is here with the modified use application. The conditions are as follows: trustee approval, unit owner approval, Planning Board approval 2 BR unit consistent with the rest of 100 Pond Street. There is a motion to approve with these conditions, the vote is unanimous.
- 100 Pond Street Condominium Trust-Stephen Hague, Chairman-Board of Trustees
The statement of calibration and quarterly reports are to be submitted. John Beck would like to verify that the calibration will be done. The approval of modified use is made as long as there is something in writing that limits the new unit as a two bedroom and that they agree to abandon the existing toilet and cap off the service to that toilet. The motion is made to approve with those conditions. The vote is unanimous.

8. **Coughlin Environmental Services:**

9. **Abatement Requests:**

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-sent a certified letter on April 17th indicating that this was the final notification.
- 55 South Main Street, George Roukounakis: \$195,000 due on March 15, 2009-requested to be put on this agenda to discuss an extension. Mr. Roukounakis did not attend this meeting. The Board requests that I send George a final letter.
- 2 Smith Place, 2 Smith Place Realty Development, Inc.: \$285,000 due on September 1, 2009

11. **Open Discussion:**

- Screening @ the WWTP
Joe Coggins has made his wishes clear that he would prefer to see the pergola design extended to screen the chemical feed sheds. Plantings are not possible because of the limited space that is there. One option was a fence type of shadow box, the intent is to hide or soften the look. The intent is to hide or soften the look of the chemical feed sheds. The phragmites shield or screen a portion of them but they are seasonal and even during season there are some vantage points that the sheds are still exposed. Dan Coughlin suggests fencing. A fence that is 8 feet high and approximately 30-40 feet long would screen that area.

- Sawchuck has a question for the common trench for sewer and water. The Water Department has asked what type of pipe had been specified for this. Dan Coughlin stipulated several types of pipe for this. HDEP and PVC were two of them. The Water Department is planning on sending out a packet to encourage residents to upgrade their water service at the same time they are installing their sewer line. Coughlin then distributes the “Resident Connection Information” packet he has designed for review, which includes information about upgrading the water service while installing the sewer line. Our preference would be to keep all of the information in a single packet; we will send one over to the Water Department for their review and input.

Coughlin continues with a brief overview of the homeowners packets for the Board. Noting the new application designed for the LH expansion, the voucher system in order to obtain the grinder pump, the responsibility of the drain layer, the project wide NOI and the criteria for the homeowner that they must sign off on including our right to access for inspections.

The E1 contracts have been executed by E1 and Michael Buckley. Once Town Counsel signs the contracts they will go to the Selectmen for signature. There is an extended 5 year warranty which includes parts, labor, start up service, a redundant check valve and a control panel with a back up generator. In addition it is backed up by a performance bond. An individual homeowner could not get this warranty on their own, so it is advantageous for them to purchase this pump through this program.

Sawchuck would like to add an item to the application on page 4 section 6. He would like to include that we would have the ability to make periodic inspections to insure that sump pumps are not being discharged into the system. Coughlin suggests wording it so that the applicant abides by the rules and regs of the Sewer Commission.

Beck would like to know the timetable of distribution of this package. Coughlin responds that there will be training and calibration of the flow meter on Jerusalem Road on May 13. There needs to be further coordination with Con Comm in reference to the NOI and then Deep Run and Rust Way can be released for authorization to begin connections.

- There is discussion about the Jacobs Meadow sewer service replacement. We know what we have there with the clay pipes, it is best to replace these services. What we have been doing is going door to door and doing interior inspections, we are approximately 85% complete with that. These services are highly susceptible therefore it is in the best interest of the homeowner to participate in this program. Dan has outlined where the services are and how they will be replaced. General description of the program was issued and a licensing agreement was given to them, with limited access for period of construction. The intent is to just replace the service lines. The main line pipes are pretty tight. The objections are that the backyards will be disturbed, this is an opportunity to have the town pay for this upgrade, it will benefit all of the users, and if they do not participate they may have to pay for the repairs themselves if it is found that their service is leaking. Stockbridge Street is an area that is susceptible to high groundwater as well, this is another area we should consider investigating to see if there is an identified problem then fix it. All of this would greatly reduce I/I.

There are plans that are meant to delineate any areas that may be impacted for Con Comm review. We would plan to put blast mats down or planking to bridge across some of the

marsh land. This preference will be up to Con Comm. Karen Quigley wants to know if it would be better to bring everything out to Elm Street, but Wayne reminds her that the old pipes would still have to be dug up and capped off so the disruption would still exist. And the cost would most likely be much more. Coughlin does not feel the impact will be a significant disruption to the yards and marsh. The DEP has been approached to roll this into our project and do it through our SRF funding if we do it as a change order to our current contract with LMH, we still need to gain all of the license agreements. The estimated cost would be approximately \$390k, no blasting of ledge and no major excavating. Karen Quigley is a big proponent to send it out to bid and not just give it to LMH. She feels that this can also be done during the fall with less impact on the homeowners. Sawchuck points out the drier it is the better it is for excavating backfill. Dan Coughlin also points out that if we have the ability to use our SRF funding and make this a change order the cost would be significantly less than another company that would have to be bonded, the cost of mobilization etc. The big issue is the wetlands work, the mediation work on the wetlands and the need to work around the homeowners concerns on each lot. Pictures should be taken before work begins to have record for restoration purposes.

The updated LH budget is distributed. The discussion turns to the landscaping bid which was unsuccessful attracting any bidders due to the requirement of prevailing wages. Most likely we will continue to use LM Holdings for clean-up purposes.

Meeting adjourned at:

Motion made to adjourn at 8:20 pm.