



TOWN OF COHASSET

Sewer Commission

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Sewer Commission Meeting Agenda

DATE: November 26, 2007

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Meeting Room 2B, Town Hall

Meeting called to order @ pm. 6:11 pm

Attendance: Ray Kasperowicz, John Beck, Diane Hindley, Dick Nye

1. **Office Business:**

Date of next meeting: January 7, 2008 @ 6:00 pm

Approval of minutes from July 5, 2007 & August 13, 2007: Motion is made to approve subject to comments by Sean Cunning and editorial comments that have been emailed, vote is carried, and it is unanimous.

2. **Veolia Water:**

- a. Monthly Operating Report for October: Attached
- b. WWTP: Noise / Odor / Light Complaints: None
- c. Collection System: Plugged thousands of strands that have been broken or hidden, Dick Nye clarifies that it is more like 2000 strands. We have millions per the plant. This has to do with the cassettes. This is opposed to buying replacements. Zenon does have used membranes they are 1500 per used item as compared to 5500 brand new. This is year seven out of the eight year warranty; Ray wants to know if they will extend us a courtesy. There is continued discussion about maybe getting some competitive pricing from another company instead of Zenon. Dan Coughlin discusses non-compliance. Dick explains that flows are very low at this time of year; the big test will come in the spring and the summer. If we were the prototype for wastewater treatment plants maybe Zenon could help us out and Zenon has benefited from their learning experience. Zenon may be willing to make a concession if we need it.

- d. Maintenance Fund: \$559.91 under budget through October 2007

Emergency generators will be exercised on Friday afternoons after one o'clock when Town Hall closes. The windows in the garage will be replaced by exhaust hoses.

The Interons were quiet in September 20 calls in 30 days, October there was 27 calls over 31 days, this could possibly have been caused by the lightning storm we experienced. November 22 in only 26 days.

Dick would like to discuss the Veolia contract and the terms of the agreement. Dick Nye recommends voting for a three year increase in the contract. Discussion will be continued at the end of the meeting possibly go into Executive Meeting then let the public back in.

3. **Enterprise Fund Report:**

Income Statement / Balance Sheet – October:

4. **Connection Status October:** No new connections
 - North – 269
 - Central –809

5. **Correspondence/Communications:**
 - Eric Kupperstein-Lot 5 Otis Avenue
 Eric is here to advise the board on the change in the plot plan on his property located at Lot 5 Otis Ave, the book and page number has changed. He has been approved for a connection but wants to alleviate any concerns in the change of the plot plan. Dan Coughlin is questioning the frontage and would he possibly be able to add another lot. Eric reduced the frontage not increase it. The plans have been signed by the planning board and town counsel he has also agreed to enter into a covenant that he would not subdivide the property at all but has not been asked to do so as of yet. Ray Kasperowicz questions the big picture, long term. Not our area of concern it would be a zoning question. Discussion of the house that is currently on septic. The Commission agrees that there is no reason to change their approval of the connection on the Lot 5 Otis Ave.
 - Planning Board minutes from Nov. 15, 2007, re: Staging Area. Town Counsel has been contacted.
 - Request from the Board of Assessor's to write a letter stating that no vacant lots are being considered for sewer connections at this time
 It is certainly true in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Ave expansion area. A statement from January 1, 2008 thru Dec 31, 2008. There will be no vacant lots in North Cohasset either. Notification to the assessor's that a lot has been connected. Ask the assessors how they track connections without betterments. Would they like notification from us when they are connected? There is a request to get a list to the Assessors with the people who have paid connection fees as opposed to betterments.
 - Request from various residents as to where the negotiations for additional capacity at the Hull Wastewater Treatment Plant stand. We have not had any contact with Hull since Chris McCabe was the Town Manager, probably two years ago. There is an amendment within the intermunicipal agreement that gives the Town of Cohasset the ability to renegotiate for additional capacity if it is a high priority, in an emergency situation.

6. **Old Business:**

7. **New Business:**
 - 31R South Main Street-sewer connection application- approved to go on the waiting list in the Village district
 - 8 James Lane-plans haven't been made as of yet would just like to be put on the list. Approved

8. **Coughlin Environmental Services:**

9. **Abatement Requests:**
 - 41 Clayspring Road-approved
 - 726 Jerusalem Road-there needs to be further investigation as to where the water went if it didn't go into the sewer system. In addition, the Commission would like to know where the meter is located.

- Government Island Pier and Shack-approved
- 87 Cushing Road-approved

10. Open Discussion:

- New Zoning by-law: there is discussion of possibly evaluating capacity. Discussion of the changes of flow in the plant as a result of the discovery of the I/I. Dan Coughlin thinks that we will not be able to see any results until the fall of next year. Must evaluate low ground water. Additional TV work needs to be done in the spring time, there will probably be some sealing and grouting of pipe joints. It will be a pretty inexpensive repair, maybe 100k or so and it will be covered in the appropriations for the I/I. We have currently used approximately 80k. John Beck requests a report from Dan. He replies that it will be given in a couple of weeks. Isolate where the majority of influents are coming from. Dan continues to discuss I/I and other factors that contribute to capacity and flow. There is always the remoteness of having sump pumps tied in. Ray wants to know if we can get definitive data that the I/I is coming from the Elm St. area. Dan replies that we have to be in that place during a wet weather event and TV it. The mainline is pretty tight and would have to look at one of the service connections, it could be complicate work. If we go on private property, we would have to get an easement.

John Beck brings us back to the original request, when will we know if we have additional capacity. Dan Coughlin repeats that we will not know until at least the fall of 2008. We must go through a full season of wet and dry weather events.

Pipeline over near Humphries property, when the channel wall was being redone, the clay pipe was replaced. It has been discovered that the connections to the manhole (two of them) are leaking, it is right where the pipe discharges into James Brook, and this is a constant leak. DC recommends that it be chipped all out and put in a leak seal with hydraulic cement, has to be done when flows are low. It's a 4 ft diameter, 10 ft. deep manhole. There is no temporary pump arrangement currently. We need a cold spell and dry weather, this is a pre-cast manhole. Summarily, we will probably not have an evaluation until next fall.

- Next ZBA meeting December 11, 2007 @ 7:30 pm, Selectmen's Meeting Room
The Sewer Commission is getting ready with Town Counsel.

Meeting adjourned @

Notes: Ray would like copy of Veolia contract and any data Jim G. gave to support cost structure.

Send Eric Kupperstein a copy of the minutes for his records.

Discussion with Mike Buckley about an actual breakdown of construction costs. This has not been done as of yet according to anyone's knowledge. John Beck would like to keep a notebook. Cash flow projection has been given to Mike Buckley. Ray questions if there has been a draw down of cash as of yet, Dan says that typically the first payment takes approx 4-5 weeks then the draw down should come every two weeks.

John Beck asks the question who the decision maker will be to go off temporary water, the decision has already been made by the water dept that everyone will come of bypass by this weekend.

Deadline dates amount due connections requested to be included on the new agenda.

Moved to carry recommendation to go into Executive Session, tape is shut off. Executive session minutes are kept separately in a file. Check with Marion, Town Clerk. The reason for this session is to discuss the contract extension with Veolia.

Back to the public open meeting:

The motion is moved that we communicate in writing to Veolia to exercise the first three year option with them in the contract dated December 20, 2002 (Paragraph 7). Motion is carried and moved.

John Beck would move to notify Veolia that we are exploring alternatives in a separate letter over the next few months. Being concerned with the economists we are dealing with we will be exploring the marketplace over the next 6 months and we would invite them to be part of that. We are cost conscious; we want an annual itemized report and monthly itemizations as line items for each expense.

Ray suggests lets do first things first, renew the contract. Dan suggests that in conjunction with the letter we would like the costs for electricity, the raw costs, etc. We think we have that available. Lets find that information from Jan 8, 2007 minutes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 moved and carried.