



# TOWN OF COHASSET

## Sewer Commission

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### Sewer Commission Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** September 30, 2008

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

**PLACE:** Meeting Room 2B, Town Hall

Meeting called to order @ 6:02 p.m.

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

1. **Office Business:**

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008

- Little Harbor claims paid- the Board is presented with a list of the claims that have been paid by Glenn Pratt. Dan Coughlin provides the Board with a much more detailed breakdown of claims that have been paid to date.
- Signatures needed for recorded Restrictive Covenant-signed, Diane will have the Town Clerk notarize.

2. **Veolia Water:**

- a. Monthly Operating Report for August: Attached
- b. WWTP: Noise / Odor / Light Complaints: None
- c. Collection System:
- d. Maintenance Fund: \$181 over budget by August.

John Beck inquires about the performance at the plant with the recent wet weather events. Dick Nye responds that side one ran by itself, with rain of 5.9 inches flows went from 160-280-473-634. This indicates that we still have substantial I/I. Tank levels never went over 164 inches ea, usually at 160 inches. Nye was thrilled. The membranes were working so well and we have an overflow pipe to boot. It's a relief to know that we can take that kind of flow and not worry about anything.

100 Pond Street update needed. John Beck will address this.

There is a maintenance issue that D&C fixed and it cost about 4000k., should it be part of the upgrade, spread out across all of the users not the LH construction.

3. **Enterprise Fund Report:**

Income Statement / Balance Sheet –August: Attached

After reviewing the fund reports John Beck questions what the accumulated depreciation is in Central. He also would like to see this as one budget not two and asks Wayne Sawchuck to look into this.

4. **Connection Status August:**

- North – 269
- Central –820

5. **Correspondence/Communications:**

- 24 Sohier Street-Barry Bronstein

The property is not located in any sewer districts therefore will not be considered for connection.

6. **Old Business:**

- 100 Pleasant Street, Lot 11 and Lot 12-Laguelle

Mike Stevens and Paul Laguelle are here to continue their discussion regarding these vacant lots. Attny.Henderson has confirmed that the ownership has been contiguous. The Building Inspector, Robert Egan, has also confirmed that these lots are “buildable” and that building permits will be issued upon approval of other appropriate boards and commissions. The Commission will be doing a capacity evaluation as planned at the end of this fall. The two properties in question will be moved to the top of the list since they were overlooked for distributed connections ten years ago. A letter will be sent to confirm the minutes of this meeting.

7. **New Business:**

- 559 Jerusalem Road-Ford

Chris Ford is here as his brother’s representative. This property meets all the criteria to satisfy the ACEC guidelines. Neil Murphy Associates had designed an on site septic system that meets all normal engineering requirements. The lot meets all zoning requirements and setbacks. The purpose of coming before the Board of Sewer Commissioners is to secure a connection as a home cannot be built without this. Ted Ford is ready to commence the process of building. Once capacity is verified in March of 2009 then the connection will be considered. A letter will be sent to Mr. Ford to confirm the minutes of this meeting. This property is already on the vacant lot list.

- 713 Jerusalem Road-Schroeder (Map 1, Plot 40, Lot 5)

Mrs. Schroeder is here to apply for connection to the municipal system. The town recognizes it as a buildable lot. Neil J. Murphy Associates have performed successful soil evaluations and percolation tests. Tara Tradd, Board of Health Agent, concurred that the tests were successful and there is enough area to support the design and construction of an onsite sewage disposal system. The parcel of land also falls within the 400’ of the high water mark of Straits Pond which is part of ACEC. The lot is approximately 15,000 sq. ft. Sean Cuning points out that we still have to connect the homes on Deep Run and Rust Way before we can determine if there is any additional capacity. Dan Coughlin speaks to capacity. He indicates that there may have been capacity available to connect 3-5 lots however we must wait until Deep Run and Rust Way are connected then the plan is to install a flow meter to determine actual flows. This property meets all of the criteria to qualify within the ACEC rule. It seems likely that we would have some results by March of next year. Beck is inclined to put this property on a wait list and move ahead of others who do not meet the criteria that are necessary. A motion is made to add her to the list. The vote is unanimous. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Schroeder to confirming these minutes.

8. **Coughlin Environmental Services:**

Town Counsel is trying to work out a license agreement that would be effective for one year and would act as a temporary easement to gain access to the sewer lines in and around the Jacob’s Meadow area. The Historical Society is reviewing the agreement, the purpose of this would be to allow the Commission to investigate their sewer service and serve as an example to the other property owners in the area. The work at the Historical Society would be done at the

expense of the Sewer Commission. A copy of the agreement has also been sent to Kathy Crosby and she is looking at it. Suggestions and revisions would give us two different perspectives, and enough documentation that would encourage the folks in that area to embark on a municipal project. The big issue was the permanent easement; the license agreement is a huge step forward.

Dan Coughlin provides us with budget and updates for the LH project. Specific discussion on the increase in materials and paving costs. In summary, the pavement costs it will be about 300k more than anticipated but we have plenty in the contingency, so there is no money issue at this time.

There are no numbers from CSCR for the sampling but anticipates them soon. Dan Coughlin indicates that they look pretty good except for the Richardson's Brook.

Grinder pump solicitation packet presented to the Commission. This is a goods and services bid not a construction bids.

9. **Abatement Requests:**

- 699 Jerusalem Road-Steinberg-approved unanimously

10. **Connection fees due:**

11. **Open Discussion:**

**Mr. Fred Quelle** from 120 Nichols Road is here to ask for dispensation from connecting to the municipal system. His home is a summer residence. They winter in Florida and only summer here. His age is a factor. This is an 18 room summer cottage with no insulation. The current water use is 1700 cu. ft. of water per year. The water department has given them special accommodations to get water to their house. Dan Coughlin responds that because this is a seasonal residence their request may be considered if the BOH agrees this is a functional system and does not pose a public health threat. There is a stub/service at the property for future connection when the house is sold. There is continued discussion about possibly deferring the betterment but this is a question for the Treasurer which Diane will look into and inform Mr. Quelle of his options.

**Mr. Earons** of 43 Elm Street is here to discuss the property delineations recently made as his property abuts the WWTP.

Update on the Greek Orthodox Church and the antique store on Jerusalem Road.

**54 Howe Road**, the Grossman's property. Mrs. Grossman would like the pump replaced or a thorough inspection and servicing. Dan Coughlin called Rosano Davis, they only have one service call logged in 2008, there was rash of them in 2007, she had six calls. One time it was a modem and one time it needed to be reset. It doesn't sound chronic. Dan Coughlin will continue to research.

Meeting adjourned @ 8: 36.