



TOWN OF COHASSET

Sewer Commission

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Sewer Commission Meeting Agenda

DATE: November 25, 2008

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Meeting Room 2B, Town Hall

Meeting called to order @ 6:03 pm.

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

1. **Office Business:**

Date of next meeting: December 30, 2008

- Approval of minutes from 10/28/2008 and 5/27/2008- approved unanimously

2. **Veolia Water:**

- a. Monthly Operating Report for October: Attached
- b. WWTP: Noise / Odor / Light Complaints: None
- c. Collection System:
- d. Maintenance Fund:

3. **Enterprise Fund Report:**

Income Statement / Balance Sheet –October: Attached

4. **Connection Status October:**

- North – 269
- Central –810

5. **Correspondence/Communications:** So noted.

- Office of Emergency Management, Town of Cohasset: CTY Connect training
- Board of Selectmen, Town of Cohasset: Jingle Bell walk 11/28/2008
- Board of Selectmen, Town of Cohasset: Annual Turkey Trot 11/27/2008
- Neil J. Murphy Associates, Inc: 559 Jerusalem Road

6. **Old Business:**

• Paul Laguelle and Michael Stevens, 100 Pleasant Street, Lots 11 & 12- 100 Pleasant Street is granted two connections and will be charged a fee of the previous betterment in the Central district plus the current escalator. Payment must be made three months from the date letter of approval is written.

The motion is made to give first two available connections for Lots 11 & 12 at 100 Pleasant Street. The payment will be due three months from the date of the approval letter. The vote is unanimous.

7. **New Business:**

- 98 Howard Gleason Road-so noted; if, in the BOH opinion a Title 5 inquiry is required then it would be up to that department to enforce said inspection.

8. **Coughlin Environmental Services:**

NOI service connection notification: Dan Coughlin met with the Conservation Commission to help streamline the process of the sewer connections in the LH district. Any home that is located within the 100ft buffer zone of a wetland resource area would normally have to file an NOI. This would be comprehensive to all the homes. There are also provisions for decommissioning the septic system and site restoration. The expense for this would be incorporated in the application fee. The homeowner would be required to sign the application therefore agreeing to comply the order of conditions that was issued.

Approximately 50% of the homes in the LH district will be affected by this. There is also discussion of drain layer training and the possibility that the vendor we choose to work with will provide this. We could require that this training be completed as part of the licensing process. We will also be requiring start up certification for the pumps.

Dan brings up a change order, for some rather small additional paving that he has already authorized at the WWTP. Harold Litchfield did the work. The WWTP also needs to have gutters and rain guards installed for the area over the chemical feed sheds. In addition, Dan would like to suggest some additional screening be installed around the building. It is agreed that we will invite the abutters to attend a meeting so they can give their input the plans for beautification at the WWTP.

Tom Gruber to be given a CD of all the plans, the Sewer Commission will have one as well.

Budget for LH sewer expansion is handed out. Plan looks like we will be coming under budget on the sewer end.

Grinder pump solicitation is still at Town Counsel to facilitate a public bidding process. We should have the bid solicitation by the next meeting.

9. **Abatement Requests:**

- 115 Linden Drive-Sanderson-motion to approve
- 65 Howe Road-Falk-motion to approve
- 8 Black Rock Road-Fox-postponed until December 30 what was the full abatement for the sewer bill given for.

10. **Connection fees due:**

11. **Open Discussion:**

Dan Coughlin has done the capacity evaluation and has made copies of his report available to all. For the record no quantifications were released prior to this meeting. This is a very fixed facility with stringent permit limits. Although there is additional flow according to this evaluation we are still bound by the judgment to connect the homes in the LH district.

There is a motion made to accept Coughlin's study and that we free up 12,700 gpd or 56 edu's for the Central village district. Motion is amended to say that the edu's will be allocated by the Board of Sewer Commissioners as they determine within the current sewer district. Cunning seconds the motion is carried.

John Tedeschi is requesting 19 edu's from his original 23 and he will put something in writing to that effect.

The Board agrees that the "Wait list" should have a C for commercial or an R for residential to determine what type of property it is in the Central district but that all properties should be listed under Central.

The expenses for Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan will be coming out of the sewer budget. However, the Water Dept. will be sharing this expense with the Sewer Commission 50/50. So far we have expended \$13,000. It is still our appropriation. Mark does a lot of the coordination for the paving. Tom Gruber is doing resident interfacing along with Mark. Wayne is in favor of continuing to use their services; the first invoice that they assigned was in the spring. We are taking a desired service by the Town Manager and charging it to a very small subset of people in the town, Beck is hesitant as to the direct benefit to those residents. Wayne points out the benefit to having the two Greenbush guys on the job think of the savings that the town has taken advantage of Verizon, Comcast, National Grid issues they have dealt with.

The WWTP upgrade should be shared by everyone as opposed to just the LH users. Ask Mike Buckley to distribute the existing cost and estimate the rest.

Motion is made that: Mike Buckley stops payment from the Sewer Commission for Mark and Tom's services us when it reaches \$25,000.

Allocate 25k total towards the contribution with the Water Dept which includes the 12k already spent for Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber.

Sean Cunning seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned @ 8:50 pm