



Water Pollution Control Authority

JULY 17, 2019
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Members Present: Daniel Parisi-Chmn, Jeremy Galeota, Paul Gilbert, Shawn Koehler

Others Present: Timothy Webb-WPCA Admin., Marshall Gaston-Fuss & O'Neill, Evan Harbinson-Skips Wastewater, John Pare-DEML Enterprises, Ed Duell, Peter Korbusieski & Lisa. Gottier-139 Ellington Avenue, Adam Hinckley-4 Stein Rd, Ronald & Nancy. Lemek-2 Stein Rd, Douglas & Sharon Fox-10 Stein Rd, Judith Baker-12 Stein Rd.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened the public hearing.

2. Public Hearing: Stein/Ellington Avenue Sewer Extension

Chairman Dan Parisi told the audience that the WPCA asked Fuss & O'Neill to construct a draft plan for an Ellington Avenue only sewer line for their review. He stated that the duty of the WPCA is to construct sewers within the sewer service district if feasible. The new sewer line will not cost the homeowner until they tie in. Caveats will be placed on the properties for future documentation.

Marshall Gaston presented the alternative plan showing the existing sewers and adding a low pressure line to 147 Ellington Ave. Some grinder pumps would be needed for the homes on the low side. This plan does not include Stein Rd. Mr. Fox, 10 Stein Rd felt that they would all like to see this plan take place.

Tim Webb, WPCA Administrator stated that Ellington Avenue properties need the sewer but that the new plan services fewer homes. The cost of construction will go up over the years if the WPCA waits. The line on Stein Rd will service the Ellington Ave properties as well as Stein Rd properties. Chairman Parisi stated that the homes and septic system on Stein Rd are 35-45 years old and that at some point, they will fail. If the sewer line is in place, it becomes an easy hook in. In most cases, the cost to replace a septic system is more than hooking into a sewer line. 12 Stein Rd will need a grinder pump. The question of the assessment value came up and the homeowners were told that it has only

been increased once in the last 10 years. If the homeowner sets up a payment plan, it sets the cost of the benefit assessment as it currently is.

In closing, the WPCA feels that the Stein Rd line is most cost effective and is beneficial to more properties. It is an insurance policy for the residents in case their systems fail.

Evan from Skips Wastewater asked about 151 Ellington Ave. He was told that he will have to wait for the sewer line to be installed. He needs to know where the lateral location will be for estimation purposes.

The Chairman closed the public hearing at 8:00 PM.

3. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments - None

4. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2019 Meeting

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2019 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

5. New Business:

1. 72 Windermere Ave, Outstanding Assessment

Mr. Pare is requesting an abatement of the interest on his past due sewer assessment for 72 Windermere Ave. He is ready to pay the principal but the interest is more than the principal amount. The committee discussed and felt that a lower interest rate would be agreeable.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REQUEST THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR RECALCULATION THE EXISTING PRINCIPAL BASED ON 2% INTEREST FOR 10 YEARS.

2. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates

The I&I package was sent to the State for review. Marshall showed the WPCA some flow prints he did for including on the GIS system through AppGeo. This month was spent on draft plans and cost estimates for the sewer projects which were submitted as well as the alternative plans discussed tonight. The plans were discussed and it was decided to go ahead with the Stein Rd plan with a date of August 7, 2019 for a completed bid package. A special meeting will be held on August 7, 2019.

6. Old Business:

1. Accu-Time Update

The Town received approval from DEEP to add 420 Somers Rd into the sewer service district. Tim Webb called Mr. Sis to let him know and has not heard back as of today.

7. Administrative:

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

Grinder pump maintenance is on-going. There was an alarm at the Meadow Brook Pump Station tonight.

ii. Fuss & O'Neill Billing Through May 25, 2019

Invoices for May and June for miscellaneous work in the amount of \$1,311.71 and Stein/High Ridge sewer projects for \$18,005.38 were submitted for payment. Mr. Gilbert noted that the Misc. On Call line item is over the estimate and asked if Marshall was going to do an amendment. Mr. Gaston stated that he was planning to restart on July 1. Mr. Gilbert also asked that the Task # be put on the invoice.

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO PAY INVOICES 0213520, 0213141, 0212762 AND 0213541 SUBMITTED BY FUSS & O'NEILL.

iii. Fuss & O'Neill Task Authorization #4 – Submitted to DEEP as previously discussed.

8. Misc. Communications

The August 7 special meeting will include an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Tim Webb told the WPCA that at the Board of Selectmen's August 12 meeting there will a ceremony for Ed Duell's retirement from the board. It was decided to take Ed out to dinner on August 7 before the WPCA meeting.

Adjournment

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Clerk