

FRUIT STREET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: September 9, 2004

MINUTES

Fruit Street Development Committee Members Present:

Ronald M. Clark, Board of Selectmen
Paul J. Nelson, Board of Selectmen
Robert Murphy, Conservation Commission
Eric Carty, Water/Sewer Division Manager
David Stoldt, School Committee
Alfred Rogers, Parks and Recreation
Robert Clark, AFHTF
John Coolidge, Planning Board, OSC

Others Present:

Theodore D. Kozak, Executive Secretary
Mary Pratt - as Abutter
Carol DeVeuve
Muriel Kramer
John T. Gaucher, DPW Director
David Pickart, VHB
Richard Jubinville, Earth Tech
Robert Boskowski, Hopkinton Crier
Lyn Branscomb, Hopkinton Independent
Robert Falcione, HopNews
Ellen Chagnon, Conservation Scientist
Brian Morrison, Chairman Conservation Commission
John Craycroft, (Westboro resident)
Constance Craycroft, (Westboro resident)

7:00 p.m. Public Meeting Opened

Vote: Mr. Ronald Clark asked for a motion to accept the minutes of August 12, 2004 noting that Ms. Mary Pratt's name as an abutter was inadvertently left off the minutes. Mr. Stoldt moved to accept the minutes with this correction. Second Mr. Paul Nelson. **Unanimously voted.**

Mr. Ronald Clark gave an overview of the meeting held in August with representatives of the DEP Central office to discuss the proposed entrance to the Fruit Street property and other environmentally sensitive issues relating to the site. Mr. Ronald Clark noted that the DEP representative said, it made environmental sense to use the current main entrance to the Fruit Street site, as long as the Town was willing to install a new drainage system on Fruit Street, including the entrance, to collect storm water discharge in an area inside of the zone II area. The town would also remove the current buildings located in this area and up to one half acre of asphalt pavement. Mr. Ronald Clark noted that the drainage improvements would be included in the First Phase of the EIR submitted to MEPA.

Mr. Ronald Clark also noted that the Phase 3 Certification of the MEPA Review of the CWMP had been approved and the State has notified the Town that it may go forward with the final stage of the CWMP. Mr. Ronald Clark read a letter received from the Water Resources Commission commending the Town for its initiative in its proposal to keep the town's treated effluent on the site.

Earth Tech Review of Discharge and Package Treatment Plant

Mr. Jubinville discussed two possible locations for a package treatment plant:

1. Near the proposed DPW.
2. Adjacent to the recharge locations in Areas 5 and 2.

Mr. Jubinville believes a plant of 100,000 gallons would allow for the remainder of gallonage needed for the Phase VI sewer phase and the proposed buildings to be located on the Fruit Street property. Questions were asked concerning the ground water flow on the property and possible release of Bio Chemicals in the Whitehall Brook. Earth Tech will do more research on this issue. Questions were also asked about using either Elmwood Park or Western Nurseries as discharge locations. It was explained that the requirements of the Fruit Street EIR is to look at the highest possible use of the site and treated effluent discharge should be considered in the EIR filing.

The Committee noted its preference for having the packaged treatment plant located more towards the rear of the property rather than near the DPW. **Vote:** Mr. Nelson made a motion to that effect. Second Mr. Murphy. **The votes follow:** Mr. Ronald Clark: yes; Mr. Murphy: yes; Mr. Carty: yes; Mr. Stoldt: yes; Mr. Robert Clark: yes; Mr. Coolidge abstained. **So voted.**

EIR Update with VHB

Mr. Pickart gave a handout of the work performed on the EIR to-date noting the number of housing units in the Affordable Housing Section and Market Rate section will be reduced. The Committee reviewed various details of the work performed and made suggestions of locations of the various proposed uses on the site. Mr. Pickart will also meet with Mr. Gaucher to help with the layout of the new DPW. It was agreed that VHB would forward to the members of the Committee, the Draft EIR, one week prior to the next meeting, for their review. Mr. Kozak will also share the information with the various Town Department Heads involved with the permitting of this site.

Ground Wash Pond and Debris Removal

Mr. Gaucher noted the work to begin filling in the gravel wash would commence as soon as some of the Fencing is adjusted, which should commence in a day or two. He is continuing to work on a plan for the debris removal with Mr. James Pyne.

Conservation Commission Discussion

Mr. Morrison thanked the Committee for inviting him to the meeting and asking the Conservation Commission for their input prior to submittal of the EIR. Mr. Morrison asked for additional information from Earth Tech on the models used for locating the discharge areas. He voiced his concern for protecting Whitehall Brook from Bio Chemical infiltration and asked Earth Tech to provide information on this topic. Mr. Morrison said he would give the Fruit Street Committee a letter outlining the Conservation questions regarding the proposed development of the site. He also asked for a copy of the Draft EIR prior to submitting to the State. The committee agreed to provide this information to him.

The next meeting is scheduled on October 14, 2004.

Meeting Adjourned

9:10 p.m. Mr. Stoldt moved to adjourn. Second Mr. Nelson. **Unanimously Voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore D. Kozak
Executive Secretary

Date approved: 10/14/04

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