

Department of Public Works
Advisory Board Meeting
April 26, 2005

Approved

The meeting was held in Room 211 at the town hall on Tuesday April 12, 2005 at 7:30 AM. Present were Advisory Board Members Eric Sonnett (8:35am), Jim Pyne and Dan McIntyre, DPW Director J.T. Gaucher, DPW and Water/Sewer Manager Eric Carty. Also present were, Selectmen Executive Secretary Ted Kozak and town resident Mary Pratt, Andy Leonard, Kevin Lobisser and representatives of Uni-Bank.

WATER METER POLICY FOR COMMERCIAL SEWER USERS WITH PRIVATE WELLS

Mr. Carty checked with surrounding towns and could not find anyone who had a similar situation. It was recommended that the policy be amended to add language that the minimum 6000 cubic foot bill applies to residential only and that all other i.e.; commercial, industrial, etc. be looked at on an individual basis. This will be discussed at next meeting.

West Main Low pressure sewer

Mr. Gaucher explained that the State has had the town's punch list for the West Main, South, and Lumber St. road project for over a year and a half. Included on this list is the pressure test for the low pressure sewer. Both Mr. Mansir and Gaucher noted that they

have tried reaching State officials several times and have not had any calls returned. The State is still holding retainage money for the projected from ETL for uncompleted items.

Mr. Gaucher stated that the town could have the test completed for relatively short money in case the line is needed by residents and pursue the State for funds before the final close out of the project.

SEA Pilot Study

Mr. Gaucher has spoken with SEA and they would like to come and talk about the pilot study for wells 4 & 5 and review potential costs. They will be invited to a future meeting.

Road Construction

Mr. Mansir said that they have met with FST to finalize the street listing and that they are awaiting the final cost estimates before going out to bid.

Amato Farm

Andy Leonard and Kevin Lobisser were present to discuss the possibility of obtaining water for their project, which is in both the town of Hopkinton and Upton. They stated that they would like to build the units in the Upton portion of the property, which is set back, and thus have the open space be in Hopkinton down near the road. This would be a private road maintained by the homeowners. It would be 56 units of over 55 housing. They were asked if any traffic studies were done and they said that their engineer did not foresee any additional adverse impact to the area. Mr. Carty noted that the town has several projects in the works that will be utilizing town water and he had some concern

about supplying water out of town knowing that we would be nearing our withdrawal permit with committed projects and other potential projects including municipal needs in the near future.

Mr. Carty asked if other boards in Upton were amenable to Hopkinton supplying water to this project. Mr. Leonard stated that the planning board had no objections. It was suggested that Ted contact the Upton BOS and Eric Carty contact Upton water to make sure they do not have any issues either. This issue of inter-basin transfer was also discussed and Mr. Carty will look into that.

UNI-Bank

Representative from Uni bank were present to discuss the possibility of refinancing the sewer debt service and extend out the payments. After their review it was generally considered that because we would not have a substantial change in debt amounts and that the biggest problem is only for the next 3 years and the fact that the town would need special legislation it would most likely not be a prudent decision. Uni bank was going to look into running some numbers for Phase VI to see if there would be any benefit to refinancing that portion.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 12, 2005 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. McIntyre and seconded by Mr. Pyne. The vote to approve was unanimous.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday May 17, 2005 at 7:30 AM in room 211 at the town hall.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Carty