

Department of Public Works
Advisory Board Meeting
August 15, 2006

Approved

The meeting was held in Room 211 at the town hall on Tuesday August 15, 2006 at 7:30 AM. Present were Advisory Board Members Jim Pyne, Eric Sonnett and Dan McIntyre, DPW Director J.T. Gaucher, DPW Administrative Manager Bruce Prentiss, Water/Sewer Manager Eric Carty, Selectmen Mary Pratt. Also present were town residents Nancy Peters and from Earth Tech Rosemary Blacquier.

DENEEN/SCARLATA SEWER REQUEST

Mr. Sonnett, speaking for the board, stated that based on the current sewer rules and regulations pertaining to sewer main extensions the board can not recommend an extension of the sewer system at this time. He explained that other similar requests have been denied and the board has to be consistent with its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen (Water/Sewer Commissioners). There was a discussion and Mary Pratt and Nancy Peters asked several questions regarding which parcels are allowed to connect and which can not. Mr. Carty, who owns property that abuts the development requesting the sewer and who is a direct supervisor of one of the applicants, did not take part in any of the discussion or question and answer session.

Motion –

Mr. McIntyre made a motion that the board should recommend to the Board of Selectmen that at such time as the proposed waste water treatment plant, to be located at Fruit Street, breaks ground for construction the sitting Water/Sewer Commissioners

should amend the sewer system extension rules and regulations to allow the Deneen/Scarlata Development to re-apply for sewer connections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pyne and was voted by a unanimous vote.

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY DRAINAGE

Mr. Gaucher reviewed the drainage for the expansion of the Mt. Auburn Cemetery. He explained that the drainage system is required to keep grave vaults in the expanded section from floating underground. The original expansion plan called for an easement from the abutting property, Hopkinton Lumber Co. However, further investigation of the property boundaries indicated that there would be room for the drainage system to empty onto land already owned by the town, making the easement unnecessary. Upon meeting with the owners of Hopkinton Lumber Co. and explaining the updated layout, the owners of Hopkinton Lumber offered to donate the land that was to be in the easement to the town. Documents needed for the town to accept that land will be prepared and steps taken for the town to acquire the land.

The next step in installing the drain pipe is for the Cemetery Commissioners to meet with the Conservation Commission to file required documents and then to obtain cost estimates from contractors capable of installing the pipe. The installation should begin as soon as the filings are in place with the Conservation Commission and it is expected that the work will be completed before winter.

Mary Pratt questioned the use of cemetery perpetual care funds for installation of the drainage. She said that money is to be used for maintenance of the cemeteries and to pay the DPW for hours spent cutting grass at the cemeteries. The board supported using the

money for the drainage as expansion of the Mt. Auburn Cemetery will not be possible without it.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Fruit Street Utilities – Mr. Gaucher advised the board that he has met with Earth Tech representatives and the utility companies to discuss the installation of utilities at Fruit Street for the new water well and the sewer treatment plant. He said that the force main for sewer will enter the property at the most northerly existing access road and basically follow the existing dirt roads across the property to the site of the treatment plant. The utilities will enter the property at the current driveway for the DPW office and proceed underground to the well and treatment plant. Mr. Sonnett questioned running electricity underground between the well and the treatment plant. He said the board, at a previous meeting, supported running electricity underground from Fruit Street to the well and then above ground from the well to the treatment plant as a temporary service. Mr. Gaucher said he would advise the engineers and utility companies of that and modify the design accordingly.

Earth Tech Update - Ms Blacquier advised the board that the notice of project change documents submitted to the state for both the well and wastewater treatment plant have been approved and no further environmental submittals are required for either of those projects. She said the final local and state permits are being sought and that the plans and specs for the well are ready to proceed.

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The plans for the wastewater treatment plant are about 95% complete and should be 100% complete by the middle of October. [Mr. Gaucher](#) said that based on his meeting with Earth Tech representatives as part of the Owner's Project Manager Regular Update, for these projects Earth Tech was recommending a pre-qualification of contractors prior to sending out bid documents. Mr. Gaucher advised the board that a committee would be set up to pre-qualify the contractors, and it would be made up of a representative from the Board of Selectmen, DPW director and a representative from Earth Tech.

Saddle Hill Road & EMC Park – Mr. Gaucher advised the board that a section of Saddle Hill Road and the driveway at EMC Park are being paved starting today and should be complete by the end of the week. EMC Park should be open to vehicles over the upcoming weekend.

Fafard Water Run-Off – Mr. Sonnett asked for an update of the storm water run-off issue at the Fafard development on Wood Street. Mr. Gaucher said he has been in contact with Fafard and that the hay bales have been re-located to provide proper run-off protection and that the silt fabric in the catch basins has been cleaned. Fafard will be working along Wood Street within the next few days to repair erosion along the sides of the road.

Lake Maspenock Dam – Mr. Gaucher advised the board that Pare Engineering is doing further work at the base of the Lake Maspenock Dam to clean the area around the spillway gate. Documents are also being prepared regarding the integrity of the dam for

submittal to the town's insurance carrier. Information contained in the documents should reduce the insurance rates the town is paying to insure the dam.

Well Contamination on Wood Street at Belknap Street – Mr. Pyne said he has spoken to Mr. Harvey and there is no option of having water services from Westboro installed to the houses in question as part of the Harvey project. He said he also spoke to the DPW Director in Westboro and Westboro does not want a water main on Rte 135 extended to the Hopkinton town line. However, a 2-inch service to the houses in question would be acceptable to Westboro. Ms Peters stated that the Board of Health is scheduled to meet with representatives from the Mass Turnpike Authority later this week to discuss resolving this problem. Mr. Pyne said he would contact the Westboro DPW Director again and obtain their position on the matter in writing, and that he would be willing to attend the Board of Health meeting later in the week.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. McIntyre and seconded by Mr. Pyne. The vote was McIntyre, yes and Pyne, yes. Mr. Sonnett did not vote as he was not at that meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for August 29, 2006 at 7:30 AM in room 211 at the town hall.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:27 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Prentiss, Administrative Manager DPW