

Department of Public Works  
Advisory Board Meeting  
April 4, 2007  
*Approved*

The meeting was held in Room 211 at the town hall on Wednesday April 4, 2007 at 7:30 AM. Present were Advisory Board Members Eric Sonnett, Dan McIntyre and Jim Pyne, DPW Director J.T. Gaucher, DPW Administrative Manager Bruce Prentiss, Water-Sewer Manager Eric Carty and Highway Manager Mike Mansir. Also present were town residents Nancy Peters, Mary Pratt, Muriel Kramer, Dr. John Duffy, Robert Pratt and Peter Oram (representing the Lake Maspenock Association) and from Earth Tech Dick Jubinville.

HUCKLEBERRY ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION REQUEST

Mr. Carty advised the board that a resident on Huckleberry Road had inquired about the possibility of extending the water main on Fruit Street to include the Huckleberry Road area. He said that he has attempted to contact the homeowner several times and to date has not been able to make contact other than an answering machine. He advised the resident that all neighbors would have to be on board as well, because betterments would be placed on all the properties. He said that extending the water main as far as Huckleberry Road would require replacing the existing 6 inch pipe on Fruit Street all the way back to the well, or there would not be a sufficient volume of water to service the extension properly. Nancy Peters stated that she had heard that other neighbors in the area were not interested in getting town water. Mr. Carty said that a place holder article has been submitted for the annual town meeting, but it is his opinion that the article

should be removed from the warrant. The State would also have to approve an increase in the town's withdrawal permit.

The board agreed with Mr. Carty.

#### WATER USE RESTRICTION

Mr. Carty explained to the board that under the new rules and regulations set forth by the DEP, it will be mandatory that Hopkinton imposes a water restriction for outside water use this year. He said the public notification will be sent out within the next few days.

#### COLLEGE STREET SEWER CONNECTION REQUEST

Mr. Carty advised the board that 3 College Street and 6 College Street both have failed septic systems. The Board of Health has inspected both properties and determined that it would not be practical or cost effective to require installation of Title V septic systems for either location. The Board of Health is scheduled to vote at their next meeting to recommend these two properties should be allowed to connect to the municipal sewer system in accordance with provisions in the Sewer Rules and Regulations. Mr. Carty said there is a manhole/stub at the intersection of Hayden Rowe Street and College Street, a distance of about 200 feet from the houses. The homeowners will be responsible for installation of all pipes and appurtenances that are needed to complete the connections.

Motion – Mr. Pyne made a motion that the board should recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the recommendation from the Board of Health should be followed, and the property at 3 and 6 College Street should be allowed to connect to the municipal

sewer system in accordance with the Sewer Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. McIntyre and the vote was unanimous.

#### HAYDEN ROWE STREET SEWER CONNECTION REQUEST

Mr. Carty advised the board that he has received a request to connect a newly created buildable lot at 52 Hayden Rowe Street to the municipal sewer. This section of Hayden Rowe Street is part of Phase 1 of the sewer system.

Motion – Mr. Pyne made a motion that the board should recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the buildable lot at 52 Hayden Rowe Street should be allowed to connect to the municipal sewer system with the privilege fee for Phase 1 as specified in the Sewer Rules and Regulations. Mr. McIntyre seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

#### EARTH TECH – WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Mr. Jubinville updated the board as to the status of the waste water treatment plant. He said that a letter was sent to the DEP requesting permission to advertise for bids for construction of the plant before a resolution of the appeal that was filed regarding the Conservation Commission Order of Conditions. He said that the DEP reviewed the matter and determined that the bid for construction should not be advertised so long as the appeal process was ongoing.

Mr. Jubinville said that Earth Tech will be meeting with Mr. Gaucher to review the final cost estimate for construction of the waste water treatment plant prior to the annual town meeting.

There was discussion regarding the access road to the waste water treatment plant, specifically where it crosses the stream. The board questioned whether the stream crossing can be left just as it is instead of making modifications. Mr. Jubinville said various options were being investigated and that could be considered.

Mr. Jubinville advised the board that the required documents for the Water Quality Certification approval will be submitted to DEP tomorrow.

There is a public hearing scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at the DEP Central Office in Worcester for the Groundwater Discharge Permit. Mr. Jubinville said this should be the final step in the process before the permit is issued.

#### DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

##### Lake Maspenock Dam

Mr. Gaucher discussed the safety issues with the Lake Maspenock Dam. He said Pare Engineering is working on the down stream damage that could be expected if the dam should fail completely. Mr. Oram spoke about the classification guidelines that determine what hazard category a dam falls into. He said that Lake Maspenock falls so close to the break between classifications that it might be possible to have the dam reclassified into

the next lower category and that might eliminate some of the current maintenance requirements. Mr. Gaucher agreed and said that aspect of the project is being investigated.

Motion – Mr. McIntyre made a motion that the board should recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Board of Selectmen should vote at their next meeting to purchase the dam. Mr. Pyne seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote.

#### West Main Street & Spring Street Water Main Upgrade

Mr. Gaucher advised the board that the pre-construction meeting for the Spring Street phase of the water main upgrade was held several days ago. He said hay bales will be installed prior to April 16<sup>th</sup> and that work should begin soon after the Boston Marathon. He said school buses and local residents (with ID) and emergency vehicles will be allowed access during construction but the road will be closed to all other traffic. The detour for traffic coming from Upton will be Pond Street to Winter Street to Highland Street to Exchange Street and back to Rte 135.

Mr. Gaucher said that the water trench on West Main Street is scheduled for more temporary patching today in preparation for increased traffic volume due to the upcoming Boston Marathon. He said there are still a few water services yet to be installed, but when they are complete the road will be milled, the trench will be permanently patched and the road will be repaved curb to curb. He explained that the milling work will be expanded to include the intersection of Wood Street and extend up Main Street to near Commonwealth Avenue. This additional milling and paving will be paid for using budget

money and/or Chapter 90 money. He expected the road should be completed before the end of June.

#### Town Hall Handicap Access

Mr. Gaucher advised the board that a resident with a wheel chair recently got stuck in the door leading to the old senior center at the rear of town hall. He said the handicap access ramp has been looked at by the Facilities Director and the Building Inspector. Improvements are needed and a cost estimate is being prepared.

Mrs. Kramer suggested installing a handicap ramp at the front door instead of the rear door, especially now that the basement of the town hall is not occupied. The board agreed that installing a ramp at the front door might be safer for handicap residents.

#### Transfer of Budget Funds

Mr. Gaucher advised the board that he has submitted an article for the special town meeting to transfer budget funds from the Solid Waste account to the Road Maintenance account.

#### School Bus Stops

Mr. Gaucher advised the board that he was contacted by the Board of Health office inquiring if the highway department would clean up dog poop from a school bus stop. He said he advised Mr. Ryder that he would not ask the highway workers to do that type of clean up.

#### Budget Shared Cost for Water / Sewer

The board questioned the amount of the shared cost numbers in the FY08 budget. Mr. Sonnett said he had asked Mr. Gaucher and Mr. Troiano to provide a spread sheet showing the breakdown of the amount. Mr. Troiano was not at the meeting and Mr. Gaucher did not have the information available. The board requested that Mr. Gaucher work with Mr. Troiano to prepare the breakdown requested and email copies to the Board of Selectmen members and the Advisory Board members prior to the next Selectmen's meeting.

#### Drainage at 283 Hayden Rowe Street

The board asked Mr. Gaucher the status of the drainage matter at 283 Hayden Rowe Street. Mr. Gaucher said that the documents to obtain the easement on Mr. Brock's property are being prepared and so far no response has been received from Mr. Brock's attorney since the drain was cleaned.

#### #1 Spring Street

The board asked Mr. Gaucher for an update of the storm water runoff problem at 1 Spring Street. Mr. Gaucher said he has spoken with Mr. Pickholz and he will be attending a future meeting to discuss options.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. McIntyre and seconded by Mr. Pyne. The vote was unanimous.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 18, 2007 at 7:30 AM in room 211 at the town hall.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Prentiss, DPW Administrative Manager