

Town of Hopkinton
Department of Public Works
Public Works Board Meeting
August 15, 2007

The meeting was held in Room 211 at the town hall on Wednesday August 15, 2007 at 7:30 AM. Present were Public Works Board Members Dan McIntyre, Jim Pyne and Kevin Kohrt, DPW Director J.T. Gaucher, DPW Administrative Manager Bruce Prentiss, Administrative Assistant, Melissa Paquette, Water/Sewer Manager, Eric Carty and town residents Mary Pratt, and Jane Moran. Also attended Jeff Gusher, Doug Resnick, and Shannon.

HAYDEN ROWE DRAIN

Mr. Pyne updated the board on his discussion with Mr. Brock in regards of the drainage issue on his property. Mr. Brock would like the pipe to go thru to the back of his property and was not happy with the plan we had created with the drainage pipe going to the edge of the wetlands creating an easement. Mr. McIntyre proposed the DPW speak with the Conservation Commission to state what the DPW is able to do in this situation. He also asked if the easement could be taken by eminent domain. Mr. Gaucher replied in the affirmative. Mr. Pyne will speak with the Conservation Commission.

REQUEST TO CROSS WATER DEPT. LAND ON FRUIT STREET

Jeff Gusher of 5 North Street was in to ask for permission to have contractors use the entrance on 35 North Street to access the back of his property to perform perc tests. Eric Carty stated that Mr. Gusher already had approval from the Conservation Commission.

Mr. McIntyre asked for proof of insurance from contractor. Mr. McIntyre moved to grant the request for using Fruit Street to access 5 North Street for the purpose of perc testing. Mr. Pyne seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

REQUEST LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO RECORD SEWER PRIVILEGE FEES

Eric Carty asked to obtain legal assistance to have papers drawn up to record privilege fee documents for 4 houses to be tied to sewer. Mr. Carty estimates an hour of work for each property. Mr. Kohrt asked to get an estimate for fees from town counsel for this work. Mr. McIntyre suggested that in the future a policy be put in place to have the residents looking to tie in to sewer pay the fees for town councils work. Mr. Kohrt moved to approve legal assistance for this work. Mr. Pyne seconded this motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

HIGHWAY DISCUSSION

Mr. McIntyre informed the board that a copy of the Open Space & Rec plan was dropped off for the DPW Boards review and comment. JT Gaucher will review and list comments for the Board.

SEWER REQUEST HAYDEN ROWE

Doug Resnick represented the owners, Patrick & Shannon Sansonetti of 152 Hayden Rowe Street asking for approval to tie in 2 in-law apartments that are being proposed. The in-law apartments would have 2 bedrooms each with only 1 bedroom being occupied in each at this time. Mr. Resnick stated that he still needs approval from the Board of

Appeals but needed the sewer tie in approval first. Plans for the apartments that are being built in an existing barn were looked over. Eric Carty stated that a privilege fee for the sewer would be paid for the tie in. Mr. McIntyre asked if the homeowner would be willing to pay the additional fee for the town's attorney to draw up the paperwork & record the information. Doug Resnick assured the Board that the homeowner would pick up the attorney's fee. Mr. Pyne moved to approve sewer tie in under the conditions that the lot is not subdividable, that the residence remains owner occupied and that ZBA approval needs to be obtained. Mr. Kohrt seconded this motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

LONZA

Mr. McIntyre updated the board on the meeting he attended on August 14, 2007 with JT Gaucher, Gary Daugherty, Eric Carty and Lonza Hopkinton Inc. regarding obtaining funding through grants to assist the town's upgrading the sewer system. Other alternatives for more sewer capacity were discussed. Earth Tech will be attending the next meeting to help find ways to tighten our sewer system.

WASTEWATER CAPACITY OPTIONS

During the discussion on sewer capacity for Lonza, Mr. Kohrt produced handouts proposing options to increase sewer capacity other than the Fruit St WWTF. Mr. McIntyre pointed out that these options had been studied in the CWMP. The CWMP has been approved by the state and it was not to be re-opened. The plans are approved and the holdup is the wetlands appeal. Mr. McIntyre then asked Mr. Kohrt about his inquiry to

the State Ethics Commission pertaining to Mr. Kohrt's eligibility to vote on matters concerning the WWTF before the Board. Mr. Kohrt replied that he had checked with the Ethics Commission and was told that since he had no financial interest in the WWTF there was no conflict of interest. Mr. McIntyre said that appealing the Conservation Commission Order of Conditions makes Mr. Kohrt ineligible to participate in Board discussions on the WWTF. Mr. Kohrt was asked if this decision was issued in writing and he replied in the negative. Mr. McIntyre asked to see the decision in writing. Mrs. Pratt explained that the Ethics Commission would issue a decision in writing upon request.

MINUTES

Mr. Pyne motioned to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2007 meeting. Mr. Kohrt seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday August 22, 2007 at 7:30 AM in room 211 at the town hall.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Paquette, DPW Administrative Assistant

Approved on September 26, 2007