

**January 12, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street

Present: John Spillane, Roger Turner, Patrick Fasanello, William Abbott and Ken Fettig. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water.

Mr. Spillane says the meeting is going to be slightly different tonight. The first order of business is that Selectman Nancy MacKenzie has brought 3 residents that have expressed interest in becoming a member of the committee for the Jarvis Farm. Ms. MacKenzie introduces the three residents (Noelle Zollo, Joe Grant and Todd Collins) and gives a little background of why they are interested. Mr. Fasanello says he would like to see a small blurb in writing that expresses their interest and any reasons they believe they would be an asset to the committee. Interim Town Administrator arrived at this time. Board of Selectmen Cliff Snuffer is also present and he would like to suggest that it would be beneficial that a member of the Ponds Committee is appointed as a member of this committee. The 3 residents are given the opportunity to speak. Mr. Collins says he would like to reiterate that he spent his summers at this camp and is willing to help in any way. There is discussion and Mr. Spillane says there is lots to get done which is why he would like to get this committee formed.

#### **CUMBERLAND FARMS, 1340 MAIN**

Mr. Abbott says it is not in the aquifer. Mr. Fasanello asks if it is near a stream and Mr. Mattson says yes, it is a drainage swale by Bristol Square. Mr. Turner adds that it a pond that was built by Fred C. Browne for the kids in the neighborhood. This is read and noted.

#### **LORUSSO, 160 ELM ST.**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is a single service connection at 160 Elm Street with a positive displacement pump. The Town Engineer originally had no comments but now does which will be coming, as the applicant will have to go to the Board of Selectmen for a street opening permit. Mr. Abbott says if it is just a connection then we would not have a problem. This is read and noted.

#### **4 HEATHER LANE, SCHIFFER**

This is a Request for Determination and the Town Engineer had no comments. Mr. Fasanello speaks of the wetlands in the area. It is read and noted.

#### **LOT 2 ATLANTIC COURT EXTENSION**

Mr. Mattson says this extension was land locked and no longer is with the building of Bird Estates. The Town Engineer states that the 4" sewer line should be changed to 6" as this is our standard. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to send a letter to the Conservation Commission concurring with the comments of the Town Engineer. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

#### **PARCELS 127-1, 2, 3, &4 ATLANTIC COURT EXTENSION**

Mr. Mattson explains that this is a 4 lot subdivision that was approved 2002 by the Planning Board but could not be built until Atlantic Court was completed and accepted by the Town. He says that it needs to be made perfectly clear to Mr. Viano that a sewer extension permit is required and that all Inflow and Infiltration fees are due prior to building. Mr. Fasanello would like to invite Mr. Viano into our next meeting to go over his plans and answer any questions the Board might have. The rest of the Board agrees so Mr. Viano will be invited to our next meeting.

#### **REQ. TO MEET FOR DISCUSSION OF SEWER & WATER AT SOUTHWOOD HOSPITAL SITE**

Mr. Fasanello wonders what the Town would get out of allowing them to use our water and sewer system. Mr. Mattson says he would recommend to determine this request a read and noted and to move on to the next agenda item. There is discussion. Mr. Snuffer agrees with Mr. Mattson for a number of reasons like the

disruption of our sewer system with hot loads where the MWRA will consider this to come from our system. He does not feel the residents of South Walpole should suffer anymore. Mr. Fasanello feels this is a public meeting and he believes we owe them the right to come in and speak with us. Mr. Snuffer says that would be the case if they were talking about Walpole. Mr. Spillane says he tends to agree with Mr. Fasanello. Mr. Abbott suggests that we send a letter telling them we are not interested in supplying them with sewer or water and if they still want to meet then we can schedule a time for them. Mr. Mattson speaks of the Water Management Permit and SWIMI and how Walpole would be affected if we were to allow this site to connect to our systems. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to send a letter to Marchionda and Associates stating that the Town of Walpole is not interested in providing sewer or water to the former Southwood Hospital site. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-1-0, Fasanello against.

### **REQUEST FOR VOTE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR EASEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES**

Mr. Mattson explains that these easements and conveyances are for streets that were accepted at the previous town meeting. This Board now needs to accept the utility easements and conveyances so they can be recorded. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to sign the documents for High Oaks 4 and Bird Estates easement and conveyances. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 5-0-0.

### **ZBA CASE #20-14 LUETZEN, 119 PLEASANT ST.**

This is considered to be read and noted.

### **SPECIAL PERMIT AND SITE PLAN DECISIONS 1429 MAIN ST**

Read and noted.

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER PUBLIC RECORDS LAW**

No action is necessary

### **PROPOSED AL MARHAMA ISLAMIC CEMETERY EVALUATION BY PENNEY ENGINEERING**

Mr. Fasanello would like to know why the wells were put so high and Mr. Mattson responds that it to get the best available data to determine the groundwater movement and get a baseline. There is discussion on the 2 pits and Mr. Fasanello asks if the pit water was tested and Mr. Mattson answers no, this was not his charge. He adds the charge was to determine the groundwater movement through the parcel and then determine if and when it would reach the town wells. He says once the information is received from Thompson Farland, Weston and Sampson will come to the Board and render an opinion. Mr. Hamilton says he cannot believe we are spending money to determine if this water will or will not make it to our wells. Mr. Mattson responds that we are not paying for this. There is then discussion on the Zoning By Laws and the fact that cemeteries are not prohibited in this area unless we can prove it will jeopardize our water supply. He says if the Town can provide the DEP with scientific data that it will affect our drinking water then they will re-consider. There is further discussion and Mr. Mattson asks that the Board review the information provided to them tonight and it will be included in the next agenda.

### **CAPITAL BUDGET SCHEDULE AND RECOMMENDATION BY TOWN ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Fasanello asks why there is no 10-wheeler dump truck and Mr. Mattson responds that it is because it is not needed. There is discussion on the generator request for Washington 5&6. Mr. Mattson explains we are currently using a right angle drive. He also cautions on the amount of retained earnings (\$780,000). Old Post Road tank is also discussed and it is asked if we could hold off for a year and Mr. Mattson says yes. Septage Facility improvements are discussed. Mr. Mattson says the funds are for bumping out the building about 8 feet to accommodate the 10-wheeler trucks, a new grit conveyor and a new odor control unit. Mr. Fasanello asks if we are making money at the facility and Mr. Mattson responds we are making twice as much as it costs to operate. Sewer system feasibility is then discussed. Mr. Mattson tells of the Vollmer report where they study areas of need for sewer. He feels where the sewer enterprise is so healthy we may want to consider adding some sewer projects. The amount on the capital budget is for review and design. It is asked how much is in the sewer fund and the answer is \$2,000,085. Mr. Mattson says he will pull out the Vollmer report for the Board to

review. He asks the Board to review the capital budget items and let him know what they would like to do so they can move forward.

**DRAFT COMMITTEE CHARGE SCDC/JARVIS FARM**

There is a brief discussion. Mr. Abbott and Mr. Turner brought their recommendations for amendments to the charge. Mr. Johnson says the changes that were discussed at the Selectmen's meeting have been made. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to go with the committee charge that was revised by Mr. Johnson as discussed in the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Second by Patrick Fasanello. Vote 5-0-0

**SWIMI IMPACT REVIEW BY OUR CONSULTANT (WRIGHT PIERCE)**

Mr. Mattson says this is very complex which will require a lot of research with meeting with the DEP, Fisheries, etc. He tells of the tier classifications and says that we are tier 1 which we could live with but will need to severely limit outside watering. He would like to give the Board a heads up that he has included \$50,000 to the professional services of his budget to hire assistance with this.

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Mattson says there may a State grant that they may qualify for to help pay for the Jarvis Farm. He believes it is for \$350,000.

**Motion Made** by Ken Fettig to adjourn. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Accepted February 23, 2015*