



HARVARD SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Harvard Town Hall

Cindy Russo, Chair Kyle Hedrick Richard Maiore

Present

Commissioners: Cindy Russo, Chair; Kyle Hedrick; Rick Maiore

Others: Tim Bragan, Town Administrator, Tim Kilhart, Director Public Works

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Russo at 9:10 A.M.

1. Public Comment- none

2. Tim Kilhart, Director of Public Works attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Commissioners and to discuss current issues.

Pond Road Drainage project. The funds voted for the project have been “sunsetting” to June, 2018. Tim met with Kyle and Ted Morine and is seeking guidance from the Commission on how to proceed.

The Commission requested that Tim prepare a plan, review it with Ted Morine and Jack Guswa from the original Water Study Committee, and then return to the Commission for approval. It may also be necessary to consult with the Conservation Commission.

Water System. Our system is scheduled for its regular DEP 3 year Sanitary Survey on October 11. (Emily DeScario of DEP will be the inspector.) DEP suggested that the need for a mixing system could come up in the Sanitary Survey because the average age of water in our tank is over 30 days. DEP likes to see average age 20 days or less. The cost for a mixing system would be approximately \$40,000. We’ve been allowing the tank level to drop in order to deal with the time water is sitting in the tank, but Tim K says there are risks to doing that. One risk is less water available in the event of a fire.

We got a grant from DEP for water/sewer mapping. Drafts have just been received for review.

Usage of water system 15,000 gallons per day. Has decreased since we changed the pipes and repaired leaks.

3. Change of Use and Connection Fee – Town Owned Land

With no one appearing for the applicants, Rick Maiore (Chair of the committee) explained some of the characteristics of the project. Responses to the RFP are due on October 4. Applicants will present an application after that date.

4. Initial Discussion – Deed Restriction – 18 Fairbank Street

Mr. Carley would like to remove the deed restriction limiting the number of bedrooms at his property. The Commission reviewed the original septic permit which contained a provision that the restriction would stay in place. Tim will write a letter to Mr. Carley saying that, pursuant to Growth Neutrality Clause, he must prove he could have built a Title V system in 2009 that would have allowed the additional bedrooms.

5. The Minutes of July 19, 2017 were approved as presented.

6. Town Administrator's reports:

The plant is functioning well with no BOD violation. Tim B. met with Boyer last week and he is satisfied with the work that has been done on the plant.

7. Kyle will ask Tim K to bring water test results.

8. Tim B. will prepare a map showing which property users haven't connected and we will consider whether there are efforts we could make to get more connections.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15.