

MINUTES
SEWER IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
August 12, 2021

OPENING: This meeting of the Sewer Implantation Committee is being held via Zoom. Chairman Patria opened the meeting at 6:16 by announcing the date, time and attendees of the meeting.

Roll call attendance:

Jerry Patria, Chairman	Present
Randy Brown, Vice Chairman	Absent
Brian Pranka	Absent
Freda Brown	Present
Art Pinell	Present

Also in attendance was Mr. Peter Currier, Reminder Publications.

MINUTES

Mrs. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of November 12, 2020. Mr. Pinell seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Jerry Patria	yes	Art Pinell	yes
Freda Brown	yes		

DISCUSSION

Mr. Brown issued an email with notations on the agenda as he was not able to attend the meeting.

Bungalow Street Sewer Expansion

Last year, the Town was awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for design and permitting efforts to reconstruct Bungalow Street. Design and permitting work is 95% complete. Included with this work is the addition of a dry sewer line with stubs to each property line. The sewer will be on the low-pressure system and discharge into the existing main on Point Grove Road. This fall, the Town will apply for another CDBG fund for construction costs. If all goes well, construction could start in 2022. Once construction is complete, homeowners will have the option to hook up but there will be no obligation to do so unless their existing sewer fails Title 5. No connection fees would be assessed until of it the homeowner elects to connect to the sewer system. The members in attendance questioned if there will be a connection fee and if all costs were covered for the pipe installation.

Suffield Sewer Expansion

Suffield is evaluating connecting some neighborhoods on the Lake into the Town's sewer system on Point Grove Road. This study is intended to update a 2013 study that Suffield previously completed. Suffield is not looking to change the area that was identified in the 2013 study. However, Suffield may be looking at adding more flow than originally discussed which was 50,000 gallons/day. One significant issue that will need to be addressed is whether Suffield will utilize the Town's capacity in the Westfield

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) of 500,000 gallons/day or whether Suffield will secure its own capacity directly with Westfield. Currently the Town discharges approximately 150,000 gallons/day to Westfield WWTP. The members in attendance discussed of Suffield will need to purchase capacity from Southwick, or if they would purchase additional capacity through Westfield.

Hudson Drive Sewer Evaluation

The Town was awarded a grant from the Mass Development Site Readiness Program to evaluate an expansion of Hudson Drive Industrial Park, which would include looping Hudson Drive to Sam West Road as well as evaluating utility expansions. This is intended to promote this area for future development. One item that is being evaluated is expanding the sewer system to both Hudson Drive and Sam West Road. This will include conceptual plans where to expand. It is likely that several pump stations would be required to connect both streets. This project just kicked off and is expected to be completed in early 2022. The members in attendance questioned if the area could have a potential for rezoning to include more of a variety of potential businesses.

Mrs. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Mr. Pinell seconded the motion. The vote roll call vote was as follows:

Jerry Patria	yes	Art Pinell	yes
Freda Brown	yes		

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Selectmen
Town Clerk

Jerry Patria, Chairman

Randy Brown, Vice Chairman

Brian Pranka

Art Pinell

Freda Brown

Date