

MINUTES
SEWER IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
January 9, 2018

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Sewer Implementation Committee opened at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

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

Chairman Patria noted that the meeting was being recorded.

MINUTES

Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of September 5, 2017. Mr. Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

526 College Highway The Sewer Implementation Committee members reviewed a letter from Mr. T. Scott Cook, Wilderness Experiences Unlimited requesting a water abatement for 526 College Highway. Mr. Cook indicated that he fills the pool in the amount of 75,000 gallons, and the water is never released into the sewer system. Mr. Pranka suggested that a separate meter be installed for the pool water, which would eliminate sewer usage for the water used exclusively for the pool. Mr. Brown stated that there is a policy allowing a separate meter for residential usage relative to watering lawns. The property owner would be responsible for all costs inclusive if the installation of a separate meter and water line.

Mr. Brown stated that the pool is drained to the rear of the property, and de-chlorinated for servicing the pool. The primary loss of water in the pool is evaporation, but there is a floor drain that deposits the water into a dry tank. The DPW fills the pool from a hydrant. Mr. Cook is asking for one third of his current sewer bill to be abated, and all of the water/sewer bills since being connected to the public sewer system, but had no data to support the estimate.

Mr. Pranka made a motion to not allow any abatement for past usage, and that Mr. Cook install a meter for exclusive pool water usage. Also, a recommendation will be made to the Sewer Commissioners that a second meter be installed at no cost to the Town. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

College Highway sewer extension There are several properties in Town that are in the process of being developed, specifically the Southwick Country Club property. There would be several options for connection options. Subdivision rules require a dry sewer line be installed if public sewers may be available within 4 years. Mr. Pranka suggested that the Town install a sewer connection to College Highway which would allow for the subdivision to connect. However,

the initial cost of the connection pipe would need to be paid by the Town. There is some concern with the soils, some of which could not be suitable for septic systems. The initial connection would allow for an expansion throughout College Highway. Mr. Brown suggested that, due to a previous lack of support for a sewer expansion, that members of the Select Board, Finance Committee, and Planning Board hold a joint meeting to discuss the possibility of going forward. The northern part of College Highway is in need of public sewers as developments have had and currently have septic system problems. Another issue would be lots with access directly off College Highway that may not be part of the total subdivision.

A letter will be issued to coordinate a joint meeting as soon as possible.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Patria attended a Select Board meeting at which the Congamond Road potential sewer project was not going to be funded.

Ms. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at ????? p.m. Mr. Pinell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Selectmen
Town Clerk

Jerry Patria, Chairman

Randy Brown, Vice Chairman

Brian Pranka

Art Pinell

Freda Brown

Date