



COHASSET SEWER COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

William McGowan, Chairman
Wayne Sawchuk, Clerk
Lisa McGonigle
Brian Joyce
Dan Coughlin
Rod Hoffman

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Meeting Open: 10:02am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 10:00am

Easements:

Release documents all in place and ready to be sent to printer. Bill McGowan suggests sending all to printer now to send all documents out at once. Unpaid Grinder Pump and Sewer use- small list of people suspected of being connected to sewer and not paying for use. Rod Hoffman suggests do not send registered letters to the property owners that have not paid grinder pump fee.

Abatement Request:

62 Black Rock Road: sewer connection complete and approved. They have received a bill but are not using sewer yet. The construction workers are using the water. Is anything connected to the sewer? Ms. Greenip said they have the portable toilets. Do they have toilets installed? Send someone over to the property to see if they are connected and using sewer. Abatement decision postponed until next meeting.

CJC:

McGowan explains that based on some of the correspondence CSC received from Attorney Rod Hoffman on CJC connection, they basically want the town to fund a good portion of the sewer line from SS to Tupelo Rd. Additionally, they want a significant discount on the \$1.852 million USD connection fee, while paying for it in 4-5 years. Engineering has to come up with a plan for where the line would be allowed to go. Discussion continues regarding the location of the lines and the pump stations. McGowan mentions that Chris Senior has asked about a concession on the \$1.852 million USD fee. It was agreed that CSC would give a concession of \$250,000 USD to the affordable housing group, not the applicant - but would bring privilege fee down to \$1.6 million USD. The applicant said they used a calculation that was derived from environmental protection. McGowan doesn't believe this to be true because in his experience DEP doesn't tell customers what they should be paying for services. Mr. Staszko also wants to split the water connection fee into quarterly payments (February June September and December. The proposal to pay for sewer connection was to get a credit for cost of construction and then the balance between that cost and the \$1.6 million USD divided by 4 and spread out over 1st 2nd 3rd anniversary of the Certificate of Occupancy. McGowan said Atty De Lisi had an estimate cost of \$1.0 million USD for the line, and because it is a benefit to the town the connection fee should be offset Discussion about private versus public line. McGowan asks Hoffman to research the



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area in question. Lisa to check with Water Department to see if Staszko requested quarterly payments for the water line. Brian Joyce met with John Halin and Chris Senior for an update, the last correspondence was from Hoffman to De Lisi about interactions. Discussion about fee and payment schedule etc. hasn't seen any plans to date.

602 Jerusalem Road:

Bob Shepherd looking for sewer connection for the 23 lot subdivision. Mr. Shepherd not present at this meeting. This was an approved lot about 10 years ago. Recent activity is that the land is all staked out and there were some surveyors on the property.

Katie Dugan: Subdivision was approved and lapsed due to not being put on Registry of Deeds. It never went through critical permitting for wetlands and stormwater. There has been no review of this subdivision under those 2 statutes. Sawchuk said they would need to re-apply. Mr. Shepherd in a letter to us basically asking about sewer capacity and what the CSC would need to connect. Very early in discussion. Sawchuk said he would have to get a building permit for each house before he could come for a sewer permit. Dugan: wants to make sure that Conservation is the 1st part of this conversation. Ask Bob Shepherd to attend next meeting.

Diab Lane Lots:

Application for sewer connection to 3, 9, 15 Diab Lane. CSC received a Delinquent due report from Paula Linhares which lists people that owe the town money. Additionally a letter was included that prohibited permits to anyone on the list. Matt Shannon was on the list.

CSC allowed Shannon 3-4 years ago to use EDUs from Templar house on another property, but he had a time constraint. Shannon kept extending the time. This is not allowed anymore. He is not allowed to have any more extensions. Brian points out the MGL chapter 40 section 57 allows the town to hold or revoke permitting; licensing. To certain individuals who owe the town money McGowan suggests at the very least we tell him we can't process his application. If we vote to rescind the EDU permits, do they go into a pool or are they dead. Or does he reapply at today's rate? He would have to reapply at today's rates. Discussion on the way these will be connected to sewer on Howe road..

MOTION: Bill McGowan motions to give Matt Shannon 1 week, specifically until 12pm Tuesday morning to show he is in good standing with the town. Wayne seconds - all in favor.

Lisa will send Shannon email and telephone call to let him know this. Copy the sewer commission and Attorney Hoffman, Shannon's attorney and state the mass general law.

MOTION: Bill McGowan motions that with respect to the documents titled "Transfer of Grinder Pump, Release of Easement and Agreement", that any one member of the Cohasset Sewer Commission be and is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any such documents on behalf of the Commission. Wayne Sawchuk seconds. all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:14am

MOTION: Bill McGowan motions to adjourn, Wayne Sawchuk seconds. All in favor