



COHASSET SEWER COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

*In Attendance: William McGowan, Chairman
Wayne Sawchuk, Clerk
Paul Kierce
Brian Joyce
Dan Coughlin
Rod Hoffman*

Meeting Open: 10:32am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 @ 10:00am Regular Meeting

Approval of 4/27/21 and 5/11/21 Meeting Minutes:
Meeting minutes approved unanimously

NPDES Permit Public Comment Discussion:

Nitrogen permit. Public Comment letter will be signed by WM, BJ will draft cover letter for CS sign. LM will send via email and DC will send a copy to Merrimack,

Diab Lane update:

Attorney Rider for Mr. Matt Shannon present to discuss the Town Manager, Chris Senior revocation of the Diab lane sewer permits.

Attorney Hoffman: summarizes reason sewer permits being revoked: outstanding real estate taxes in which the town bylaw explains the town has the right to deny permits if monies are owed to the town, refer to state statute which permits the withdrawal of permits. Closing for 3 Diab Lane is rescheduled for Friday, May 28. The 3 permits will be reissued if the taxes are paid in full on all 3 lots. If the commission approves, Attorney Hoffman will send the paperwork.

Commission confirmed to Atty Rider the revocation was a request by Town Manager not CSC.

Wayne Sawchuk points out the individual has to pay his bills and follow the law.

Rider is concerned that the issue is a dispute of some fines levied on another property - and if these were/are intended to be part of the revocation. Sawchuk recalls Mr. Shannon said he was building 3 houses (not selling the lots) but now he is selling one lot (#3 Diab Ln). Rider responds, the current plan is to build the houses, but if Mr. Shannon gets an offer for the lots he will sell them as buildable lots.

Sawchuk points out Shannon may not meet the deadline to connect to sewer which is September 16.

Bill McGowan thinks the CSC should not be involved in the revocation and/or reissuance. CSC were directed by Town Manager and doesn't know if the situation on 3A is going to effect the sewer permits of #9 and #15 Diab Lane. Atty Hoffman will talk to Town Manager on whether or not CSC can reissue sewer permits.

Hoffman suggests the CSC confirm the reissuance of the permits to go to closing. McGowan asks if this is a condition of a legal action in that the taxes need to be paid so the permits are revived. Atty Hoffman



COHASSET SEWER COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

responds it's not perfectly clear but he recommends the CSC take its action that if the taxes are paid the sewer permits will be reissued.

Paul Kierce responds that Atty Hoffman is asking CSC to take action on no action. Town Manager suspended the permit which is the sole authority of the CSC not the manager. If the town has policy about permitting they should put a lien on the property to collect the taxes. Not sure if the town manager has the authority to override the CSC issuance of a permit - policy is not clear. Sawchuk points out the language of the law says that permits won't be issued unless taxes are paid. Town Manager determines what the next step is. At the closing there will be a municipal lien certificate that shows the current amount owed. Hoffman will consult with Town Manager about reissuance of sewer permit.

Shannon has until September 16, 2021 to make the connections. If these lots (3, 9, & 15 Diab Lane) are not connected to sewer by September 16, 2021, the owner has to re-apply and the cost of the connection will be at the current rate for new connections (as of today it is \$37,500 for 1 EDU - 4 bedrooms per address).

National Grid Demand Response Program Presentation / Discussion:

Phil Ciulla, of C-Power, presents the Demand Response Program.

He will check to see if the WWTF generator is eligible for this program, LM to provide the generator specs from SP. The generator is the key to the program, if the generator does not qualify then WWTF is not eligible for the program.

Other Business: PK asks if there is an update on the Regional sewer discussion. WM responds that CSC is waiting to get something from Hull. BJ: last discussion was with BJ, WM and Scituate managers and there was supposed to be a follow up between the town managers.

BJ to check with CS for updates.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:44am

MOTION: Bill McGowan motions to adjourn, Paul Kierce seconds. All in favor