

Sewer and Water Minutes

November 7, 2017

Present: Don Schneyer, Tom Schuler, Peter Socha, Mike Buffoni, Tony Campetti, Jim Scalise from S-K Design, Denny Alsop and Jennifer Carmichael

Don asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October, Tom motioned to approve and Peter seconded, all were in favor.

Jim Scalise, Civil Engineer from S-K Design gave some history on the water and sewer infrastructure when the former Desisto School was located at 35 Interlaken Road and 37 Interlaken Road. A discussion regarding the available sewer and water capacity followed. Last November Jim had a conversation with Tony and at that time Tony felt peak flow capacity would be 57,000 gallons. Jim's calculations regarding the project now planned at 35-37 Interlaken Road would be flows of 44,000 to 45,000 gallons. At this time there are no real numbers as to the bedroom count. Retro fitting the pump station at the corner of Tree Farm Road for the larger project at the front of the property and possibly having wells in the back if the planned project there occurs. Town water goes to 3 homes across the street, this water flows through the property owned by 35-37 Interlaken Road Realty Trust. Mike felt the pump station on Tree Farm Road could be updated. The water main from the new tanks to Tree Farm Road was updated to a 6-inch main. He would like to see stubs put on the line. Then others could connect to the service if they desired. Jim explained the property has several hundred acres but the slope does not allow the density for all. They are looking at density, traffic impact, and the need for the project to fit under the zoning bylaws. Denny Alsop questioned water flows; the underground streams that feed Lake Agawam and Lake Averic; the complex hydro-geologic areas and a look at locations of the aquifers would be needed. Jim said the aquifers in Massachusetts are all mapped so that could be done quite easily.

Update on Church Street waterline replacement: 1,800 feet of pipe is in place, they are averaging 100 feet a day. They hit a gas line today there is a lot of old utilities that are not marked. They hope to pave on Thursday.

The old water tanks have been removed and the foundations are being taken out by Wilkinson's Excavating. By the end of the week grading and seeding should be done.

Nothing new on the Averic Road closure, Mike is waiting to hear from Blake from Town Council regarding the interpretation of "Public Interest" from Mass DOT.

There have been no submissions on the culvert on Route 183 by the old Viva Restaurant. There has been no decision as to what to do with the water and sewer mains that run through it.

There were no new updates on the Park Street pump station.

An issue at the water plant occurred where a celluloid valve was stuck open, this has been fixed and the filter replaced.

Residents on Tree Farm Road were contacted or sent logging letters as to the approval of the contract and cutting plans for a lot of aspen and ash trees.

Peter motioned to adjourn and Tom seconded. Next meeting December 5th

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael, Secretary