

## November 7, 2011 Regular Meeting

**Call to order:** It was determined that a quorum is present. This regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman MacKenzie.

**Members present:** Mackenzie, Reyer, O'Keefe, Lewis

**Audience of citizens:** Selectman Richard Smith, one resident.

**New Business:** A resident whose property is not yet connected to the sewer inquired as to why the "sewer use charge" was applied to her property, adding that her financial status was strained and that she was finding it difficult to pay for a service which she did not receive. Mackenzie stated that although several properties remain on existing septic systems within the sewer zone, the Authority will not enforce the ordinance to connect all properties to the system until a complaint is received or the Health District demands a property be connected, due in part to connection costs. MacKenzie stated that a sufficient revenue stream is required to pay for the efficient operation and maintenance of the system, and for capital costs associated with the ongoing expansion programs. Smith stated he has received one similar complaint regarding a vacant lot within the sewer zone. MacKenzie again reiterated that in this specific case, the line was extended for the complainant and that the charge was explained in advance.

**Old Business:** The Authority informed Smith that the Union Street Expansion Bond is, as was noted during the Public Hearings prior to the start of the project, placing a strain on the budget. Smith asked MacKenzie to discuss the issue with the Board of Selectman & Board of Finance during the upcoming budget season.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Reyer, seconded by O'Keefe and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 730pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 730pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Lewis

Recording clerk

