



Public Hearing April 15, 2013

Call to order: Chairman Mackenzie called this Public Hearing to order at 735 pm.

Members in attendance: MacKenzie, Hebert, O'Keefe and Reyer.

Audience of Citizens: Four residents of Lords Lane, as well as Selectman Dave Olivera were in attendance.

The sole purpose of this hearing was to discuss the benefit assessment for the most recent sewer extension on Lords Lane. This extension serves seven properties. Two members of the audience made inquiries.

Mr. Crosby addressed the Authority inquiring about the requirement to connect. Mr. MacKenzie stated that homes located over 100' from the lateral are not required to connect until their septic system fails, however they are required to pay the assessment.

Mr. Risnit addressed the Authority asking if the assessment was tax deductible. Mr. MacKenzie stated that the Authority did not have expertise in this area and suggested contacting an accountant. An accountant was present in the audience who stated benefit assessments are not tax deductible.

There was a discussion regarding the funding of the future expansion of sanitary sewer lines, as the federally funded grant/ loan financing program has shifted dramatically over the past 30 years. The function of the Authority is to define existing environmental challenges or areas where such a challenge may occur in the future. This need is defined in the facilities plan which is on file. This study contains an evaluation of the existing situation, a determination of the need based on environmental and economic factors, evaluation of alternative solutions to address the needs, and a recommended solution. Based on these recommendations, municipal officials will ask the voters to approve the funding to design and build the project. Given the fact that in some instances sewer service is limited given the geographic area, properties are assessed a "Benefit Assessment" as the value of the property is assumed to be "benefited" by the availability of this service.

Adjournment: There being no one wishing to speak further regarding this public hearing, Mr. MacKenzie closed the hearing at 755pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Lewis', with a stylized, cursive script.

Peter Lewis

Secretary