

**Enfield Board of Selectmen
Enfield, New Hampshire**

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES of July 23, 2009

**Location: Enfield Community Building
Time: 6:30 PM**

Board of Selectmen: John Kluge

Administrative Staff: Steven Schneider, Town Manager; Ken Daniels, Director of Public Works; Wendy Huntley, Recording Secretary;

Others: Charles Hirshberg, Engineer CLD; Dan Kiley

Public Meeting ~ Shaker Bridge Sewer Line

The meeting began at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed sewer line replacement at the Shaker Bridge.

One handout was provided to the public:
SHAKER BRIDGE SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT

A Copy of this handout is attached.

Steve Schneider presented the PowerPoint slides.

Mr. Kiley asked how the August 10th Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be conducted.

Mr. Schneider replied that the Board of Selectmen will start by opening the Public Hearing, open the floor for discussion, and then close the Public Hearing. The Moderator will then open the Special Town Meeting, read the article and then begin the vote. Voting must be open for at least one hour.

Mr. Kiley asked how long the procedure would take for the project.

Mr. Hirshberg responded that they have been talking to two different companies. One described the project as taking a relatively short time and the other said two to three months. The first company felt that only one lane of road would need to be closed at a time. The second company has larger equipment and will need more space to work from and therefore there may be a disruption of traffic. The biggest concern is the school bus.

General discussion of the timetable for paperwork and construction.

Mr. Schneider spoke of how the Special Town Meeting paper work will go to Department of Environmental Services (DES) and then to the Governor's Office for approval, hopefully by August 19th.

Mr. Hirshberg added that the DES would like to have everything in place ~ out to bid and a signed contract ~ by November 2009.

Mr. Schneider questioned whether the lake potentially being frozen would be an issue.

Mr. Hirshberg replied that it would not be a problem as the boring would be underneath the lake. Any potential problem would be on the ends if the frost goes very deep because of an open hole. Worst case ~ the boring would be done over the winter and the open holes, on the ends, would be completed in the spring. One other issue is that this project has a Buy American Clause. All products used must be made in America.

Mr. Schneider spoke of how the current boat launch area would be a work area.

Mr. Hirshberg explained that the boring company would progressively use larger heads on the borer and use slurry to draw material out. Then sections of 8 inch by 40 foot long pipe is fused together and pulled back thru from the Town side to the boat launch area.

Mr. Schneider has spoken with Mr. Bill regarding an easement for the project and it shouldn't be a problem.

Mr. Hirshberg added that a typical sewer construction easement is usually 40 feet-50 feet wide and when construction is complete the easement is reduced to 20 feet. Mr. Bill may end up with a manhole on his property.

Mr. Daniels asked about the ice house access for the lake which is usually the boat launch.

Mr. Schneider replied that the ice houses will have access from the old motel property.

General discussion of financing options.

Mr. Schneider explained the maximum term for a bond is 20 years.

Mr. Kiley asked how much money does the TIF (Tax Increment Financial) District bring in annually.

Mr. Schneider answered, \$40,000 give or take.

Mr. Kluge believes that the Water/Sewer users should pay for some of it.

Mr. Schneider went over the options of 20 year, 15 year, 10 year and 5 year bonds. Starting with the 10 year bond and less time, would put the Town into having to increase taxes. If the cost is put onto just the (438) sewer users it would increase their costs four times.

Mr. Kluge asked if the Sewer Capital Reserve Funds could be used for other projects.

Mr. Schneider explained that those funds are specific to sewer line replacement; they cannot be used for any other purpose.

John Kluge noted that the handout states a new pump will be required and asked if this was in the cost.

Mr. Hirshberg answered that the pipe will be going 30 feet lower than the lowest point the existing pipe goes. The records show that the existing pumps come on only eight times per day. A couple options being researched is to maybe have the existing pumps cycle more times or run longer when they do come on. In doing the research he also found out that the pumps themselves may not need to be replaced but just the motors for the units. Either way, there is a contingent figure in the cost.

Mr. Kiley asked what the warrant article would look like.

Mr. Schneider responded that it would be boiler plate.

Mr. Kiley asked what it said about the funding.

Mr. Schneider responded that it would not state anything about the funding. The Town is the one who gets the Funds, but as to who pays them back is open for discussion.

Mr. Kiley commented that at some point there has got to be a recommendation for how the bond will be paid back, by the whole Town or just the sewer users or some combo of the two.

The public meeting ended at 7:07 PM.