Town Center Sewer Building Committee Meeting Minutes October 04, 2010

Hildreth House – Commenced at 1930 and adjourned at 2030

In attendance were Chris Ashley, Wade Holtzman, Chris Pereira, Fran Yanuskiewicz (Weston & Sampson), and Wayne Perry (Norfolk Ram)

The Committee voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 07, 2010.

The Committee discussed the connection of houses on Massachusetts Avenue to the water so that the Town could abandon the 6" cast iron main that's currently there. It is currently pressurized and connected. The sewer would be installed in the existing trench.

The Committee discussed the water main up on Ayer road in front of town hall that was in their plans to upgrade sooner rather than later. The Town could delay the water improvement project if it could be done with the sewer project. The issue would be to open the street all at once so that perhaps the total cost would be less. In addition, the Committee discussed switching the services over and an issue on the paving. Possible solutions would be to install 5" of binder course for the whole job temporary, wait a year, then trench milling with a 6" overlay of the sewer with a 1" top course. Spoke about using Chapter 90 money, bidding it possibly as an alternate.

Borrowers meeting: Jack Hamm, MADEP Program Coordinator for Municipal Services, is planning to come out and meet Tim, Loraine, and Chris Ashley.

The Committee inquired that any forecasted water improvement projects could be identified and coordinated with the sewer project. Weston & Sampson will coordinate with Richard Nota.

Weston & Sampson sent a letter to Mass Highway to confirm whether Massachusetts Avenue was under their jurisdiction and if a highway permit is needed. If no contact is made we'll just proceed under the notion that it's not needed.

The Committee questioned whether lot with two houses would require one or two service connections. This should be an issue for the Policy Committee.

The Committee questioned locations where shallow ledge would prohibit the sewer service to the required depth. Could it be insulated and keep from freezing? What happens if the water collects in the trench and the trench is installed in the ledge? Will water collect and break out somewhere else? Weston & Sampson will review and report back to the Committee. Weston & Sampson stated that at Still River, the sewer was raised up to under 4½ ft of cover and it will be insulated for about 200 linear feet.