



HARVARD SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, December 3, 2012
Town Hall Meeting Room

Cindy Russo, Chair *Kyle Hedrick* *Richard Maiore*

Present

Commissioners: Cindy Russo, Kyle Hedrick, Rick Maiore

Others: Tim Bragan, Town Administrator; Lorraine Leonard, Finance Director; John Osborne, The Harvard Press; Paige O'Brien

Update on system construction and connection schedule

Referring to a letter sent from the MA DEP dated 11/23/12, Mr. Bragan reported that by the end of the week (12/6) all issues of concern stated in this letter will have been resolved. The sand filter will be re-commissioned on Tuesday, 12/4. Other issues of concern brought forth by MA DEP – aerobic MBBR and sensor – are also being dealt with this week. When these matters have been attended to, Mr. Bragan will submit a letter to MA DEP indicating so and then await notification from them to go ahead with connection.

Abatement inquiries

Motion made by Mr. Maiore to proceed with the betterment of 18 Fairbank St. (M. Carley) as shown on the matrix. Mr. Hedrick seconds. Vote aye: unanimous.

Mr. Maiore reported that S. Jaksina (11 Lovers Ln) paid two betterments and clarified with David Craig (who has 3BR, 2BR and 1BR units) that he has to pay for one betterment (3BR) and two 2/3 betterments (2BR, 1BR).

Update on drain layer applications and licenses

Up to this date, there have been no drain layer applications submitted. HSC members discussed the likely reasons why this is the case. Mr. Maiore suggested that it isn't clear to potential applicants that they must first apply before residents can hire them (perhaps they are waiting for a job before getting a license). Ms. Russo felt the \$100 application fee may be a hindrance. Mr. Hedrick suggested and agreed to call a list of impending, qualified contenders and encourage them to submit applications. Mr. Bragan agreed to sit down with Mr. Osborne of The Harvard Press to discuss the process of selecting a drain layer prior to connection.

Matrix revisions for commercial properties

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Consideration for revisions to betterment charges for religious institutions

At the 11/7/12 meeting, Pat Walwath from the Holy Trinity Parish Finance Committee questioned the multiple betterments for the church building. Mr. Maiore did some research and found that there is a similar quandary in Lunenburg. Here, officials have decided to treat

churches the same as residents unless the church had a school (e.g., preschool that is open for long hours, 3-5 days per week). After a comprehensive discussion the commissioners agreed that keeping the betterment at 1.9 for all three churches is reasonable. Ms. Russo will write a letter to the finance committee at Holy Trinity to explain this conclusion.

Approval of final package to be mailed to district residents

Mr. Hedrick will send package to Mr. Bragan for review.

Timeline for connections and action items necessary prior to connection

- Mr. Hedrick to call drain layers
- Ms. Russo to write and send letter to Holy Trinity
- Mr. Hedrick to send package to Mr. Bragan
- Commission will await letter from MA DEP, authorizing the go-ahead

Approval of Minutes of August 21 and November 7, 2012

Mr. Hedrick made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Mr. Maiore seconds; vote aye, unanimous. Mr. Maiore will send minutes to Julie Doucet.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is Wednesday, December 19, 2012
9 a.m. in the town hall meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by Paige O'Brien