



## HARVARD SEWER COMMISSION

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### MINUTES

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Wednesday, January 23, 2013  
Town Hall Meeting Room

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

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#### *Present*

Commissioners: Cindy Russo; Kyle Hedrick; Rick Maiore  
Others: Tim Bragan, Town Administrator; Paige O'Brien

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Russo at 9:05 a.m.

#### **Update: 11 Fairbank Street Connection**

Mr. Bragan reported that the hook-up at 11 Fairbank has passed inspection and is running. Weston and Sampson are recommending changes to the inspector's policy and will communicate the details to Mr. Bragan (e.g. no stone under the pressure system). Mr. Bragan also stated that the pipe outside from the device out needs to be "pressure pipe" not "green pipe". There was some concern with regards to some condensation tubing that was feeding into the old septic system at the time of inspection. The property owners were using it to remove condensation from HVAC. Upon the recommendation of Ira Grossman, RS they were told this was not acceptable. The former system has been filled and Mr. Bragan will supply Mr. Grossman with a letter and pictures as validation.

#### **Discussion: Consider Possible Penalties against Owner & Drain Layer, 11 Fairbank Street**

Mr. Bragan stated that the Commission has the ability to pose penalties but there is not, currently, the proper structure in place. Mr. Bragan has asked Attorney Lanza to review regulations and advise. This feedback will be sent to the commissioners in advance of the next meeting.

#### **Update: Pending Applications for Drain Layer's Licenses**

Mr. Bragan reported that he is contemplating, for financial and convenience reasons, asking one of the local drain layers who did not apply if they would consider being an inspector.

#### **Update: Pending Applications for Connection Permits**

No new applications to review.

#### **Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2013**

Mr. Hedrick moved to approve the minutes as amended, Mr. Maiore seconds. Vote aye, unanimous.

#### **Other Matters**

- Mr. Bragan reported that, at the plant, the media of tank has spilled over the wall into an area where it should not be. A screen in the tank that was intended to go up to the ceiling ended 6 inches lower. Ricciardi Bros. told the inspectors that they did it properly and the inspectors did not physically go into the tank to confirm. DEP has been notified; the sand and sand filter were restored; a new screen will be fitted.

- Mr. Bragan and Ms. Leonard will be working on a sewer commission budget warrant article for ATM. It will be ready to review at the next scheduled Commission meeting.
- Mr. Bragan made note that the Board of Selectmen received approval from legislation to appoint water commissioners. Mr. Bragan recommends that the sewer commissioners become the water commissioners. The Commissioners agreed to his logic. Mr. Bragan will send along to the Commissioners rules + regs involved with taking on this role and will notify the Board of Selectmen at their next scheduled meeting.
- Mr. Maiore reported that he has met with Rhonda Sprague, Harvard Realty on Mass. Ave, who has indicated that she would like to have “mixed use” for her building (a commercial office as well as a one to two BR dwelling unit). Mr. Maiore advised Ms. Sprague that, along with the Sewer Commission, the Zoning Board will need to weigh in on this.
- Mr. Maiore shared with the Commission that the Congregational Church has formed a committee to create a budget to hook up the Church. Mr. Maiore will send the representatives to speak with Mr. Bragan directly.
- Mr. Bragan recommended to the Commission that the regulations be changed to encourage placement of the control box for the pump be outside of the dwelling instead of inside. The DPW doesn't have the ability to plug in the back-up generator if the box is in the building. This box has a visible and audible alarm which cannot be detected if not outside. Mr. Hedrick and Ms. Russo will draft this regulation.

Mr. Hedrick motioned to adjourn at 10:05 a.m.; Mr. Maiore seconded; vote aye, unanimous.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is Wednesday, January 30, 2013  
9 a.m. in the town hall meeting room.

*Respectfully submitted by Paige O'Brien*