



HARVARD SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 1, 2013
Town Hall Meeting Room

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

Present

Commissioners: Cindy Russo; Kyle Hedrick; Rick Maiore

Others: Tim Bragan, Town Administrator; Sharon McCarthy, Board of Health; Paige O'Brien

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Russo at 9:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2013

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

Community Septic Management Program

Ms. McCarthy reported that the Board of Health received the 2/3 majority vote needed from the town to proceed with applying for MA DEP's Community Septic Management Program. The BoH is in the process of completing paperwork and awaiting approval from the MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust. Ms. McCarthy stated that it could be 2 to 3 months before funds become available. The BoH will decide on the criteria that property owners need to meet in order to qualify for the loan, e.g., systems in failure. Sewer connections are an area of priority, as are environmentally sensitive places (Bare Hill Pond, Still River). Sewer District property owners who need to immediately connect either because they have a failed system or an Innovative/Alternative system need to attend a regularly scheduled BOH meeting to request permission for an extension. Ms. McCarthy assured the Commission that the Board will prepare a list of properties in the Sewer District that require immediate connection and notify the owners.

Town Administrator's Report and Update

Mr. Bragan will adjust paperwork so applicants can specify whether or not they are on town water. Those property owners who are not need to go through a further process of getting a meter on their well pump.

Review Pending Applications for Connection Permits

- 13 Mass. Ave.; Durand/Tenero; Bioclere system; Ms. Russo moved to accept application; Hedrick seconds; vote aye, unanimous.
- 7 Elm Street; UU Fellowship Building; a hearing is necessary because of change in size; Mr. Bragan will notify the Church representative about the application process and will include section 1.8 from Rules & Regulations (Growth Neutrality Clause).

Review Pending Applications for Drain Layer's Licenses

No applications to approve.

Issues Relating to Connection

- Drain Layer Meeting: Mr. Hedrick recounted two points of interest from this meeting.
 1. An inquiry from a property owner about installing a disposal. The potential for grease build-up may prevent this from being allowed. Mr. Bragan will review regulations; Mr. Maiore recommends requiring in-home grease traps and agreed to research this.
 2. The drain layers would like to be able to see panel as they work back and forth between the panel and the pump with the problem (outside panel for outside pump; inside panel for inside pump). Currently, the language in the regulations states that the boxes (and thus the panel) must be outside. The Commission agreed to leave it this way and would welcome proposals for modification.

- Letter addressed to Fr. Kilcoyne of Holy Trinity Parish: Ms. Russo suggested an abatement of \$150, reducing the betterment total from \$54,380 to \$54,230. The discussion was tabled until assessed by town counsel. Ms. Russo will email letter to Atty. Lanza for review.

- 18 Fairbank, Carley; Mr. Bragan will find out if there is a pump designed to suit Mr. Carley's needs.

Other Matters

- The Commission will review the Finance Director's fiscal reports at the next meeting.

Mr. Maiore motioned to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.; Mr. Hedrick seconded; vote aye, unanimous.

Documents cited:

- CSMP brochure and highlights
- Letter to Holy Trinity Parish

The next scheduled Commission meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2013
9 a.m. in the town hall meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by Paige O'Brien