

Hooksett Sewer Commission

Route 3

February 8, 2011

10:00 AM

Present were: Chairman Sidney Baines, Commissioner Roger Bergeron, Superintendent Bruce Kudrick, John Clark –Wastewater Plant, Lennart Suther, Chris Carucci, & Don Lyford – NHDOT Highway Design Services, James Prieto, Thomas Pruitt – GCRF, Michael Sydney – Merchants Auto, Dale Hemeon – Hooksett Public Works, Dan Tatem – Stantec, Carol Grandfield – Hooksett Town Administrator, Tyler Thompson – Hooksett Intern, Steve Sylven – Graves Engineering,

This meeting was called to discuss the proposed changes to Route 3 which would divert the sewer line from its present location to running parallel to the property of Merchant's Motors. This diversion would be quite long and costly to the Hooksett Sewer Commission, and the NH DOT had informed the Sewer Commission that they would be responsible for all costs of the project. The Hooksett Sewer Commission wanted to inquire why they should be paying for a project that only benefits Merchant's Motors. If this project went through the line would no longer bisect Merchant's large property, but would be located to the side of it, making the property a more viable interest.

Discussion centered around this project, and DOT submitted a revised plan to Superintendent Kudrick. Supt. Kudrick informed the DOT that he cannot move the line as they proposed because the pitch will be wrong and some sewer services could end up in a culvert. The DOT would like to start this process in April, but, Carol Grandfield stated it would need to be brought before the town, and she did not think it would be possible in such a short time. Dale Hemeon of the Highway Department stated that the Town just replaced the culvert that DOT wants to move, and the Town shouldn't have to pay for that. Supt. Kudrick stated that \$100,000 of work would add \$1.00 more per thousand gallons to people's sewer bills. Chairman Baines told the group that the Commission had just raised the rates substantially for repayment of the loans for construction, and had promised not to raise them again for some time. He did not think the ratepayers should have to pay for a project that does not benefit the sewer system whatsoever.

Michael Sydney from Merchant's thought that more discussion was needed with the engineers for the project, TF Moran (who were not able to attend today's meeting), so that the exact technical aspects of the design could be reviewed. Because it is so early in the process, the plan may not be deemed even viable.

From this point on, the Sewer Commission will be informed of how the process is continuing, and any decisions that are made that affect the Sewer Commission.

No decisions were made.

Respectfully Submitted

Commission Roger Bergeron
Acting Clerk