



TOWN OF MEDWAY
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS

Commissioners

Robert Wilson, Chair
Cranston Rogers, Member
Leo O'Rourke, Member

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES APPROVED 5/04/15

February 11, 2015 – 5:00PM

DPS Office
155 Village Street
Medway, MA

Present: Robert Wilson, Chan Rogers, Leo O'Rourke, DPS Director Thomas Holder

A motion was made by Bob Wilson to open the Water/Sewer Commissioners meeting at 5:00 PM. Leo O'Rourke seconded, unanimous vote, 3-0.

Sewer Extension Moratorium:

Tom Holder provided an overview of the proposed Moratorium on future extensions of the Town's public sewer system. The following is the proposed March 9, 2015 Special Town Meeting Article language:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by inserting a new Article XXIX as follows:

29.1. Purpose: This by-law is adopted pursuant to the Home Rule Amendment. The purpose of this by-law is to conserve the town's limited available sewage disposal capacity in order to protect the public health and welfare.

29.2. Applicability: Any and all extensions of the town's municipal sewer system are hereby prohibited. No town board, commission, committee, official, or entity shall grant any permit or approval that would allow for the extension of the town's municipal sewer system beyond that currently in existence.

29.3. Connections: Nothing in this by-law shall prevent the grant of a sewer connection permit for property that abuts on that portion of a public or private way with an existing sewer line.

29.4. Severability: If any section of this by-law is ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling will not affect the validity of the remainder of the by-law.

or to act in any manner relating thereto.

The listed matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent allowable by law.

Leo stated he was in favor of the proposed article.

Bob voiced his concern that this proposal would disallow property owners from connecting to existing sewer systems already in place.

Tom stated that this article would pertain only to extensions of the system and have no bearing on connections to existing systems.

Leo made a motion to accept the proposal as written in the article language as presented.
Bob seconded the motion.

Commission voted unanimous (3-0) in favor of the proposed article as written.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th 5PM at the DPS office

Motion to adjourn Robert Wilson, Seconded by Leo O'Rourke at 5:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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