

MINUTES
TOWN OF MILLIS
SEWER STUDY COMMITTEE
September 07, 2016 7:00 pm
Amended 9/21/2016

900 Main St. Millis MA 02054 Room 206

Attending:

James Neville

Barbara Thissell

Edward Chisholm

James McKay

Joseph Bocchino

GCG Representative: Mike Carter

Resident: Heritage Hill –Association Representative

Reference : Town of Millis Ma Sewer Feasibility Study
(Areas - BIII, F, F1)

Dated September 6, 2016

Mr. Neville called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the two potential sewer extension projects the Board of Selectmen had tasked the committee with reviewing. He stated that the Board of Selectmen charged GCG to perform engineering feasibility study for areas BIII, F and F1

Informational:

Next steps for the project is for an article to fund the study to be approved at town meeting; and a recommendation would be made by the Sewer Study Committee to the Selectmen as to whether to move toward construction and if the Selectmen approve an article for design & construction would be submitted to the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

The betterment process, Costs are assessed 80% to residents and 20% on the sewer rate. The residents share is then divided by the number of units that could be served, and bills are mailed with a form on which residents could indicate how long, up to twenty years, the resident would like to pay their betterment over. There is 5% interest on the balance. They may also pay all at once. Residents with multiple betterments could restrict development on their property to one unit so as to reduce the number of betterments to one.

The town's average day discharge is currently around 440,000 gallons per day (GPD) and we own capacity at the plant up to 627,000 GPD.

Mr. Carter reviewed the prepared Sewer Feasibility Study (Areas BIII, F, FIII) dated September 6, 2016.

Mr. Carter reviewed the proposed options 1 & 2 for area BIII, Options 1 & 2 for area F and option FI (refer to page 1 of report for summary)

Committee discussion pertaining to accepting option 2 for area BIII.

Mr. Bocchino recommended that that area BIII include Heritage hill subdivision which would necessitate the elimination of the current home owners association ownership of the pumping station and when connected be all gravity feed into the BIII extension .

Mr. McKay proposed and was seconded that the Heritage hill area be considered, however that the entrance fee or betterment charge be \$3,900 were as these homes are already connected to the

sewer system. Mr. Neville seconded the motion and a unanimous vote. Mr. Neville indicated that he would confirm the proposed two tiered betterment fee with town council
If this proposal is excepted and a \$3,900 fee charged for Heritage Hill this may have the potential of lowering the remaining betterment to ~\$30,677

A resident of Heritage Hill. express their concerns that the association would prefer to join the extension of the sewer and be able to eliminate the need for a pump and the annual cost. However the entrance cost is the major consideration.

Mr. Neville requested that GCG review the cost figures and report back to the committee.

Mr. Carter reviewed the prepared Sewer Feasibility Study (Areas BIII, F, FIII) dated September 6, 2016.

Mr. Carter reviewed the proposed options 1 & 2 for area F and option FI (refer to page 1 of report for summary)

Several details pertaining to the low pressure area, the ability to traverse the Bogastow brook and location of the pumping station.

Recommendation and seconded by Mr. McKay that option Area F with option 2 be accepted with the following changes:

Split the sewer extension across the Bogastow Brook
Include the full Middlesex street as part of the extension
Eliminate Bullard Street

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The Next Sewer Committee meeting schedule for 9/21 at 7:00 in room 206

Mr. Bocchino made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM, seconded by Mr. McKay, vote 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

James Neville