

Saugus Board of Selectmen
September 17, 2009

Meeting of the Sewer Commission

The Saugus Board of Selectmen met as Sewer Commission on September 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street. Present were: Selectmen Stephen Castinetti, Stephen Horlick, Michael Kelleher, Peter Rossetti Jr. and the Chairman Donald Wong. Also present were: Town Manager Andrew Bisignani, Special Counsel George Hailer, Special Counsel Kristina Engberg, DPW Director Joseph Attubato, Plumbing Inspector Arthur Rumson, CDM representative Paul Ross, and Engineer Stacey DePasquale.

Sewer Commission update:

- I & I 2008 projects punch list;
- 5 new projects for 2009: 3 sewer and 2 pump stations, funded by SRF – eligible for stimulus money 8.8%;
 - Favorable bids – 20% for planning costs, very competitive market;
(3 graphs were presented)
 - Credit of 2.5 million gal. of I & I removed based on 10 year storm, State may require 1 year storm level, no overflows in last 2 years for the Town.
 - Lincoln Ave.: replaced core of pump system; 2 million dollars; need “pig” clean line; could reduce I & I by 1 million gals.
 - Lynnhurst, Laurel, Park St. and Rte. 1 pump stations: removed and repaired.
 - Private inflow: sump pump removal project, 3 year, letters going out next week.
- Previous did about 95-98% corrected. Need to address compliance of previously done properties.

- Construction: contractors for home owners with large projects.

Ms. DePasquale went over sewer bank and handout.

Mr. Rumson talked about grease traps: seem to be under control. Handout on permits received.

Dale Street: Residents want I & I Fee waived.

- 1998 was suppose to do Dale St., the Town ran out of money;
- 2000 asked the Town to do the street. It was never done;
- 2005 I & I Fee introduced;
- 2007 petition from citizens for sewer;
- 2008 asked Selectmen for system.

The I & I program is from a Consent Order from the State, not the Town of Saugus. Saugus must refer request to consent order criteria. The only exception to sewer connection permit is public health or emergency public health issues. It may be up to the DEP and not the Town.

Senior housing was denied same request and questions were raised about the process to get answers from DEP in writing and that shouldn't take long. (30-60 days) There are public health issues and wetland issues on Dale Street. A letter from Conservation Commission showing effect on wetlands could help. DEP letters on vacant lots would also help. Systems for homes on Dale Street have already failed. If overflowing due to rain – frequency of pumping.

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They will keep the Board posted on developments. Mr. Castinetti will forward e-mail with endorsements to the Town Manager to send to Special Counsel – public health and emergency matter.

Mr. Castinetti moved the Board vote to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Those to be present: Selectmen Stephen Castinetti, Stephen Horlick, Michael Kelleher, Peter Rossetti and Donald Wong; Special Counsels George Hailer and Kristina Engberg; CDM representative Paul Ross, and Engineer Stacey DePasquale.

Chair seconds.

Roll call vote: Mr. Castinetti, yes; Mr. Horlick, yes; Mr. Kelleher, yes; Mr. Rossetti, yes; Mr. Wong, yes. Vote: 5-0.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:55 PM.

Mr. Castinetti moved to adjourn executive session and reconvene in open session. Chair seconds.

Roll call vote: Mr. Castinetti, yes; Mr. Horlick, yes; Mr. Kelleher, yes; Mr. Rossetti, yes; Mr. Wong, yes. Vote: 5-0.

The Board went out of executive session and reconvened in open session at 8PM.

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Mr. Wong excuse himself from the table and passed the Chair to Vice Chairman Castinetti.

Liquor License Issues:

Vice Chair read a statement for the record.

Good Evening and thank you all for coming. I called this meeting tonight because WE have a problem in Saugus and it can wait no longer for a resolution. And when I say we, I mean the Board of Selectmen, the Saugus Police Department, the residents of Saugus and all of you who hold liquor licenses here in town.

Violence has been escalating in severity and although some of it is uncontrollable, some of it is very controllable. As you are all aware, Saugus has experienced several violent episodes recently, any one of which could have resulted in a fatality. Physical assaults, beatings, attacks, stabbings and shootings are not what we want for our town. Unfortunately these incidents in many cases are being invited to Saugus. And many can be directly traced back to the liquor licensed establishments doing business here in Saugus.

Tonight you were all invited to attend this meeting. Some of you here tonight are part of this problem. The majority of you are not. However, you all stand to be affected by the outcome. As you should be aware by now, there are some in Saugus who firmly believe that hours of operation should be rolled back across the board. I am not a proponent of management by the masses. Rather, I feel that those that continue to offend should bear the burden of this type of penalty. I have always believed that everyone has a right to be afforded the opportunity to succeed or fail

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on their own merit. And I believe I have demonstrated that clearly in the past. I believe that I have also demonstrated that failure to comply will be dealt with appropriately, in accordance with State and Local laws, rules and regulations. Some of you have been good citizens. Others of you have not.

The time has come to be honest with ourselves. Why do these violent incidents only occur in a few establishments? Why are the vast majority of people identified in our police reports, arrest reports, injury reports and hospital reports from out of town? We all know the answer to those and other related questions. Unfortunately, no one wants to say it. As I said, the time has come to be honest with ourselves. So let me tell you all what my observations, opinions and conclusions are.

Entertainment is the problem. You know it as well as I. Disc Jockeys, music and entertainment that glorifies, justifies, promotes and screams of violence attract a violent element to Saugus. This element is not home grown and is one that we do not want here in town.

Tonight, I leave you with this:

Your future is in your hands

Your success is in your hands

Your failure is in your hands

Don't force this board to take action that we would prefer not to. Eliminate the violence, the clientele that cannot conform to reasonable public behavior and become productive businesses in Saugus. If this sounds like the Board has reached its wits end, you are right. One way or another, the violence will end in Saugus.

Effective immediately, every incident that occurs in Saugus that is tied to a licensed establishment will be called in to explain the situation. The explanation may be sufficient if supported by reliable information and/or sources. If not, a Show Cause hearing may be called at that point. And as a reminder, a Show Cause hearing could result in myriad penalties ranging from a warning to a suspension to a roll back of hours and ultimately a revocation of license. In addition, remember, this Board retains the authority and right to effect liquor and entertainment licenses. Please do not force our hands. If you are one of the establishments that fits this mold, make your changes now. We want our town to regain and maintain the respect and the dignity that has always been ours.

Thank you all for coming. Are there any questions?

- Police Chief Domenic DiMella was present and said Entertainment Licenses are targeted to prevent violence and the police will take action against establishments that have violence.

- Mr. Kelleher said not to paint all with a broad brush and said most establishments don't have violence.

- Mr. Rossetti discussed training and progressive discipline.

- Mr. Horlick said business model promotes violence and disrupting the public safety and wants more show cause and he said he always asks for hearings and voted down.

Anthony Cogliano, 27 Serino Way, was present and Mr. Horlick challenged him for not having a license in his name. Mr. Cogliano said the first shooting incident in a car and asked how they could defend from that. Mr. Castinetti said he didn't mention specific establishments. Mr. Cogliano said the most recent issue was not at JIN it was on Rte. 1

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and said no police details were available and said he has given back to the community and offered and asked for extra ½ hour to remove patrons until 2:30 AM and alcohol will still 2:00 AM with last call at 1:30AM. Mr. Horlick said it's not the Town's obligation to provide details its up to the club.