

**MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

**Date of Meeting: June 13, 2006**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.

**A. Roll Call**

Selectmen Present: Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Chairman

Mary Jane Pillsbury

Bruce Sauvageau

James Potter

Selectmen Absent: Brenda Eckstrom, Clerk

Present: Michael Hartman, Town Administrator

Bob Bliss, Town Accountant

Mike Guidice (CDM), John Gall (CDM)

In the absence of the clerk, the chairman requested that Mary Jane Pillsbury act as clerk, with consensus of the board members present.

The chairman opened the workshop with general remarks re: switching from the EDU system to some other system based on water consumption.

Mike Guidice, engineer from Camp, Dresser, and McKee gave a report of ongoing projects.

The chairman discussed the lack of information given to new users in the Weweantic project re: liens, rate of interest, etc. There was discussion of the fact that the Weweantic project was discussed with residents very early on, but a follow-up meeting would have been helpful. The consensus of the board members was that a packet of information must be provided to each household in a project so that the users have something in writing they can rely on for explanations and clarifications.

John Gall made a presentation of potential systems of to replace the EDU system, which was based on the original presentation. The board members focused on C and D. Plan C makes certain that the operation of the plant, including fixed costs is paid for; i.e., there would be a flat charge to each household sufficient to pay their share of the fixed costs, and then there would be an additional fee based on water consumption. (Basically a system with an established service charge, plus pay as you “flow”.) Plan D would have a flat charge for just debt service and the rest of the bill would be based on water consumption.

Bruce Sauvageau indicated that he felt that a system based on water consumption was the fairest system, but discussed the need to build a cushion that would make the system stable. Discussion ensued re: how that cushion could be built in.

Discussion ensued re: talking to the water districts’ commissioners to discuss how to buy software for them to get the information we need to adopt a system based on consumption. Bruce Sauvageau suggested that the next step is communication with the districts. He suggested that the chairman and Jim Potter meet with the Onset District commissioners and he and Mary Jane

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Pillsbury meet with the Wareham District commissioners. Consensus of the board was to meet as described.

The consensus of the board was to have CDM come up with an "option E" based on the discussion of Mr. Sauvageau for building a cushion of 20%, or whatever was considered sufficient to stabilize the system.

Mike Hartman and Bob Bliss discussed with the board adopting Chapter 83, section 18 of the MGL, which would allow the commissioners the option of assessing ½ of the proposed betterment of a project up front. This would allow the project to go forward without borrowing, which adds considerably to the betterments and the fees moving forward.

There was a motion by Jim Potter and seconded by Mary Jane Pillsbury to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Pillsbury

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Acting Clerk