

Sewer and Water Minutes

December 1, 2020

Present: Don Schneyer, John Loiodice, Peter Socha, Tony Campetti, Mike Buffoni, and Jennifer Carmichael

Don asked for a motioned to accept the minutes from November 10th, Peter motioned to accept the minutes and John seconded, all were in favor.

Park St. Station: Tony, Mark, and Mike visited a E-1 pump station in Winsted, CT that services about 40 homes. It is a wet well with three E-1 pumps set in a chamber; they run in a lead-lag sequence. The concern was having 3 pumps servicing the 20 houses on Park Street where usually one pump would service one house. Tony contacted E-1 and their rep, Eric Hess came to Park St. to analyze the site and got copies of plan elevations; he will get back to Tony as to what E-1 can offer. Paul Russell, Smith & Loveless came out and walked the Park Street site and Tony gave him copies of plans and elevations. Paul thought two pumps, the panel and enclosure may run about \$100,000. We can still use some of the parts at the pump station, the electrical panel is only from 2013. Some of the work we could handle in house, set the wet well, back fill etc. would have to be bid. Tony would like Foresight Land give a proposal to get an estimate of the cost for his budget only. They could work of the line items from Prickett's estimate; what can be done inhouse. Once we know what design we will use, we need to go to DEP. Mike Canales the Town Administrator spoke about the different funding for the Park St. station. Tony is waiting for proposals to come back to solidify what the costs may come in at. The site work bid might be done first, see what that may come in at.

Access Road to Plant: Waiting to hear the approval from the State. Mike said it was in the review process and about December 15th should hear something.

Curtisville Bridge: Plans were sent out to bid and there was more interest. Foresight is reviewing the bids. The hope is by spring we can move forward. Painting of the beams were removed and the bids came in about \$44,000 lower. A resident had sent a letter with some questions: does this water line go up Rte. 183, it does not it goes up Trask Lane to Willard Hill then across to the Obanhein house and behind the houses on Quiet Knoll Rd. and the one going across the bridge was thought to be a lateral, it is not. The real question is; is the bridge going to fall down, could you use a new HDPE pipe, can the bridge as it stands now can it hold the pipe so large trusses do not have to be used across the stream. A letter from the engineer was sent to the resident but not received; the engineer was adamant; no pressure nothing is to be on or across the bridge. We want to create a situation that is safe for the sewer and the water mains. Passersby should not see much of the pipes ascetically it should not be too much of a detriment to the eye.

Residents on Quiet Knoll Road sent a letter to Tony requesting the Town take over the sewer main there. Mike Canales will look at the letter and get back to Tony with the process.

Mike's Truck: the truck is a 2014 F350 with 32,000 miles has a plow on it and highway would like to have it. The plow was refurbished last fall and it is in good shape. The retail value is 22,000 to 26,000 with a pickup body not the utility body nor the plow. It still has a lot of equity in it and Mike could get a truck like Tony's. The highway needs trucks, some are driving their own vehicles around.

The budgets have not been addressed by the Finance Committee as far as Tony and Mike are concerned.

At Echo Lake the water is flowing over the boards so the water is back up to where it should be.

Stockbridge Bowl Steering Committee: They had a speaker who spoke about the weeds and blue algae. He felt the lake was in excellent condition. They have not gone over all data yet but he was impressed with the health of the lake. There are weeds in the Bowl that grow about a foot off the bottom these weeds you do not want to harvest but keep in the lake.

Mike Tony and Mark will bring all the sewer and water vehicles down to the Berkshire Hills maintenance garage to be sprayed which will help with rust and keep the trucks in good shape. Back flow testing and meters need to be read soon, there are 40 devices to test at Pinewoods, which need to be done twice a year as they have glycol in them. Mike will speak to DEP, they may be giving extensions due to covid.

John motioned to adjourn the Sewer and Water meeting and Peter seconded, all were in favor.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2020

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael