

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

7 MILLBURY STREET

AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS 01501

MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2019

The Auburn Board of Sewer Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2019 in the Conference Room at 7 Millbury Street, Auburn, Massachusetts 01501.

ITEM ONE-CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Healey called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Board Members:

Mr. Thomas J. Healey, Chairperson

Mr. Mark E. LaPlante, Secretary

Department Staff:

Mr. Jeffrey C. Mitchell, Superintendent

Mrs. JoAnne Donahue, Principal Clerk

Guests:

Mr. William Mohan, Licensing & Permitting Consultant

Mr. Bill Taylor, Domino's Corporate Franchise Development

Ms. Sara Andrade, Domino's Franchisee

Ms. Carla Beasley, Domino's Corporate

ITEM TWO –APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. (This item was handled out of order after Item Eleven A). The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 1, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. LaPlante motioned to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2019 regular meeting. Healey seconded and it was so voted. Mr. Belec abstained due to his absence from the August 1, 2019 meeting.

ITEM THREE– NEW BUSINESS

A. Drainlayer License Applications: The Board reviewed the Drainlayer License Applications and supporting documents submitted by J.C. Kady Builders, Inc. of East Brookfield, MA and LEI Corporation of Boylston, MA. Mr. Belec motioned to recommend issuance of a drainlayer license by

the Board of Selectmen to J.C. Kady Builders, Inc. of East Brookfield, MA. Mr. LaPlante seconded, Mr. Healey voted

in favor and it was so voted. Mr. Belec motioned to recommend issuance of a drainlayer license by the Board of Selectmen to LEI Corporation of Boylston, MA. Mr. LaPlante seconded, Mr. Healey voted in favor and it was so voted.

B. 40 Richards Street Damage Reimbursement: Mr. Mitchell informed the Board that there was a sewer back up into the home at 40 Richards Street. He stated that it occurred due to a blockage in the main line in the street and that this was the second time sewerage had backed up into the basement of this home. He stated that the first time he believed the blockage was due to a build-up of rags, but the second blockage was due to grease. He stated that after the second blockage the Sewer employees went several times to jet the sewer line to make sure that the line was completely clear, and that they would be following up to jet the line again to make sure that it was clear of blockages. He stated that they had a cleaning company go to the home to clean up the sewer damage in the basement. The homeowner, Mr. Ronald Faneuff, had also provided Mr. Mitchell with a list of items that had been destroyed by the sewer back up for which he was asking for reimbursement. Mr. Belec motioned to reimburse Mr. Faneuff of 40 Richards Street for the damaged property items as presented. Mr. LaPlante seconded, Mr. Healey voted in favor and it was so voted.

C. Deduct and Well Water Meters: This item was again tabled until the next meeting.

ITEM FOUR – I & I SEWER REHABILITATION

A. Mr. Mitchell provided the Board with a copy of the “Preliminary SSO Analysis” prepared by Environmental Partners Group in response to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection letter of deficiency dated April 11, 2019, for their review.

ITEM FIVE - U.B.W.P.A.D./UPPER BLACKSTONE CLEAN WATER

A. Mr. Mitchell gave the Board copies of the minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting, as well as a copy of the monthly Flows & Temperatures report for their review.

ITEM SIX - APPROVAL OF BILLS

A. The Board reviewed the fiscal year 2020 regular bill schedule totaling \$356,643.02, and the Weston & Sampson bill schedule for the pump station upgrades in the amount of \$9,259.83. Mr. LaPlante motioned to approve the Weston & Sampson bill schedule totaling \$9,259.83. Mr. Belec seconded, Mr. Healey voted in favor and it was so voted. Mr. LaPlante motioned to approve the regular bill schedule in the amount of \$356,643.02. Mr. Belec seconded, Mr. Healey voted in favor and it was so voted.

ITEM SEVEN - NEW SEWER CONNECTIONS

A. The Board reviewed the updated sewer connection list as of September 12, 2019.

ITEM EIGHT – SEWER DIVISION/D.P.W. WORK LOG

A. Mr. Mitchell stated that there was no activity since the last meeting so he did not update the

Monthly Equipment & Labor Work log that tracks the work being performed by the Sewer Division for the D.P.W./Highway Division and the work being performed by the D.P.W./Highway Division for the Sewer Division.

ITEM NINE - BUDGET REVIEW

A. Mr. Mitchell gave the Board copies of the updated monthly budget report through the end of the fiscal year 2019, which included the amount of \$158,867.05 returned to retained earnings, as well as copies of the monthly budget reports as of August 7, 2019 and September 5, 2019.

ITEM TEN – CAPITAL PLANNING

A. Update on Current Projects:

Pinrock Road Bypass project – Mr. Mitchell stated that the appraisals for the easement have not yet been completed, but that the meeting with the abutters to the project went well. As soon as the appraisals are done, they will proceed with obtaining the easement that is needed in order to begin the construction of the redundant force main in Rose Lane.

Jerome Avenue Sewer Station - Mr. Mitchell stated that the station was still running on a back-up pump and that rather than dealing with the temporary license for National Grid to install the new power pole, they will just be requesting approval at the October Town Meeting for the permanent easement.

ITEM ELEVEN – OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Domino's Pizza Grease Trap – Mr. William Mohan, Licensing and Permitting Consultant for Domino's was present to discuss a waiver for the required external grease trap for the Domino's Pizza franchise at 711 Southbridge Street. Mr. Mohan explained that some of the documentation presented at the last Sewer Commissioner's meeting was contradictory to the information he had provided, and he wanted to present all of the facts to the Board. He explained to the Board that the internal grease trap that they have proposed would be more than adequate to meet the needs of the proposed franchise in Auburn. He explained that everything that will be prepared is precooked and baked in an oven and that they produce next to nothing as far as grease is concerned. He stated that the internal grease trap and hood would be cleaned out every ninety days as required and would be more than adequate to handle the amount of grease they produce. He also stated that they would be wiping down the equipment, pans, and utensils with paper towels before washing them. He said that there were currently only three other towns that were required to install external grease traps and that when the external traps have been inspected, they have not found any grease in them. He stressed that the internal grease traps handle all of the grease that they produce.

Mr. Healey expressed concern over a change of equipment or menu at the location that could possibly increase the amount of grease produced. Mr. Healey questioned how it could be monitored to make sure that there would be no possibility of an increase in the amount of grease produced. Mr. Bill Taylor of Domino's Corporate Franchise Development spoke to the Board to explain that Domino's menu has been developed around their ovens and that all of the items on their menu are baked in an oven. He stated that there are no fryolators or grills and that they do not have any intention of bringing that kind of equipment into their franchises, and that the internal grease trap that has been proposed for the location is more than adequate to handle the grease that they will generate. He stated that they are

hopeful that the Board will accept their plans for the internal grease trap as the internal grease trap is sufficient for their needs, and the cost of installing the external grease trap would be financially burdensome for the new Franchisee. Mr. Healey again expressed concern over the menu changing and more grease being generated at the location. Mr. Mohan and Mr. Taylor again stressed that the Domino's menu revolves around the oven and that they have no intentions of changing their type of cooking. Mr. Healey stated that the Board is just interested in having protections in place for the aging sewer system. Mr. Belec proposed a condition to the permit to confirm that the menu and the food prep will not be changed. Mr. Healey stated he would like to find out more about the Board of Health's inspections concerning changes that might take place within the location. Mr. Taylor stated that if there was any change of equipment like adding a fryolator at the location, the Board of Health would most likely be involved due to the change of equipment and the permitting process associated with that. Mr. Mohan stated the Planning Board would be voting at their next meeting (possibly on September 24th), based on what the Board of Sewer Commissioners recommend in regard to the external grease trap requirement. Mr. LaPlante stated that the Town's bylaws require food establishments to have a one thousand gallon external grease trap in order to protect the Town from any grease going into the Town's sewer system. This would include issues arising from the internal grease trap not being cleaned properly every three months, and if the food establishment changed ownership and the menu or equipment changed resulting in more grease being produced.

After much discussion, Mr. Belec motioned that the waiver of the external grease trap requirement be approved contingent upon Mr. Mitchell obtaining confirmation from the Board of Health that there is an appropriate enforcement mechanism in place that would identify any new equipment or processes that would increase the volume of grease generated at the proposed Domino's location at 711 Southbridge Street. Mr. LaPlante seconded, Mr. Healey voted in favor and it was so voted. After thanking the Board, Mr. Mohan, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Andrade and Ms. Beasley exited the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

B. West Street Sewer Station Damage Report: Mr. Mitchell stated that Builders Systems Inc. had completed all of the repairs to the West Street sewer station, as well as some additional repairs that he had requested which were not part of the repairs of the damage from the accident.

C. Bancroft Street Bridge Sewer Line Replacement: Mr. Mitchell informed the Board that there would be an article on the Fall Town Meeting warrant to appropriate funds for the engineering for the sewer line replacement.

ITEM TWELVE – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A. The next regular meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

ITEM THIRTEEN – ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

DOCUMENTS:

The following documents were part of the Board of Sewer Commissioner's Meeting on September 12, 2019, and are maintained in the Sewer Division office:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the August 1 2019 Regular Meeting

- Drainlayer License Application and supporting documents from J.C. Kady Builders, Inc. and LEI Corporation
- List of damaged property from Mr. Ronald Faneuff of 40 Richards Street
- Preliminary SSO Analysis For 5-Year, 24-Hour Storm dated August 30, 2019 and prepared by Environmental Partners Group
- FY2020 Regular Bill Schedule in the amount of \$356,643.02 and Weston & Sampson Bill Schedule in the amount of \$9,259.83
- Copy of building Permit Application for 711 Southbridge Street and copies of various emails and documents regarding the grease trap requirements for Domino's Pizza
- UBWPAD August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes and Flows and Temperatures Chart dated 9/4/2019
- Updated Sewer Connection List as of September 12, 2019
- Monthly Departmental Budget Report closing out fiscal year 2019, and FY2020 monthly budget reports through 8/7/19 and 9/5/2019