

HARVARD WATER - SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 Harvard Town Hall

Cindy Russo, Chair Kyle Hedrick Richard Maiore

Present

Cindy Russo, Chair; Kyle Hedrick, Commissioner; Rick Maiore, Commissioner; Tim Bragan, Town Administrator;

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Russo at 9:07 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment. Erin Sullivan and Dan Wolfe informally provided information regarding the proposed expansion of the property at 5 Littleton Road.
- 3. The Commission discussed creating a Change of Use Application Form for Discussed and notifying permitting boards of our procedure and bylaw.
- 4. The Minutes of August 1, 2018 were approved without correction.
- 5. The Change of Use Application for Hildreth House was discussed. On a Maiore motion and Hedrick second, it was unanimously voted that Tim Bragan will request that Ty and Bond evaluate system usage based on actual use, as well as possible impact on the system of installation of low flow toilets at the new HES, changes in household size and future connection. No decision will be issued on the Hildreth House application until we receive the results of this evaluation.
- 6. Kyle reported that Tim Kilhart had called him and asked for a meeting at the proposed Pond Road construction site just before Al Cormier was to begin construction and the paving was to begin. He pointed out that the repaved Pond Road with the berm in place would not let the salt contaminated runoff from Pond Road flow into the new collection point. The grade of the road would generate a standing body of water/or ice if we generated such a large accumulation and he could not alter the grade of the road without separate engineering and budget approval, thus delaying the project. A second drain path for the accumulation would require a second budget approval, delaying the project completely. The question was how to proceed. The berm was an add-on to tackle a second problem so Kyle suggested that the primary project continue and let the Pond Road flow seek its previous path which would not generate any unsafe accumulations.
- 7. We will discuss the procedures for evaluating a possible new well with Tim Kilhart at our next meeting.
- 8. Tim Bragan reported that the HES construction project includes a plan to remove the existing 20,000 gallon septic tank. This is a change to the system as permitted by DEP. We need to determine if the system can handle the additional solids that will result from the change and the impact on the system of the change to the

biology of the plant. If we need to take the plant down in the future, we won't have this tank to hold capacity and would need to pump more often. DEP and Commission approval would be required.

On a Hedrick motion, Maiore second, it was unanimously voted that Russo will write a letter to the Linda Dwight, Chair of the HES building committee. Tim will discuss this with Linda and deliver the letter from the Commission.

- 9. Tim reported that Wesson and Sampson is no longer the operator of the plant. The interim operator is EST Associates Inc.
- 10. The Commission went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15.