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Meeting Date: 4/5/18

Meeting Location: Water Commission Office, Town Hall, 20 Main St. Mendon

Minutes Approved: 5/7/18

Members Present: Dean D'Alessandro, Allan Kent, Kevin Rudden

Water Clerk: Dan Byer

Others: Harry Ohannesian

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with Allan and Dean in attendance.

The Commission met with Harry Ohannesian. Harry presented the commission with his plans for a small 40B development at 147/149 Hartford Ave East. He shared a draft plan with the commission (*exhibit A*). The plan calls for approximately 9 lots with 2/3 bedroom duplexes. He explained the properties were combined with plans for a gas station but it was never built. He was meeting with the various Town boards to get feedback on the project before having formal plans drawn up. The plan is for individual lots each with their own water service. Allan discussed and said we would need to get permission from Hopedale. The current contract has a set number of connections and there is one each for those 2 parcels (147 & 149). Dan mentioned they had issues with 35 Cape and Hopedale refusing to allow an extra service when 33 split off for the NEFC turf fields. The commissioners also discussed the need to install a water main on the new sub-division road. The commission agreed to send a letter to the Hopedale Water Commission supporting the project. They explained the final decision would be up to Hopedale if they were willing to allow and expansion of the water system.

Dean made a motion to approve the project pending Hopedale's approval and send a letter to Hopedale letting them know we support the request for up to 20 units at 147/149 Hartford Ave E, Allan seconded and all approved.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20pm to wait for Kevin to arrive.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:40pm with all 3 commissioners in attendance.

The Commission reviewed the discussion and decision made with regards to the project at 147/149 HAE.

The Commission agreed to wait until the next meeting to review the minutes of the previous meeting.

Kevin discussed the meter replacements. He has been in contact with an interested contractor and is trying to get them to attend a meeting.

The Commission discussed the hydrants. Dan explained he is still waiting on a response from the Town's insurance company for more info. The commissioners all feel the damage to the 30 Cape hydrant was a result of a vehicle backing into it. Dan will look into options to install a bollard to protect it.

The Commission discussed the increase in the Capital Impact Fee. Dan explained the amount from Hopedale has changed several times over the years and we have been charging the flat \$48.32. The changes have all been within \$0.50. The current rate is now \$48.39. The commission feels this minor amount is not worth the costs of a hearing to change the rates. Dan did the math and the total cost of this increase is \$42 for the year. The commission agrees to leave the rate at \$48.32 for now.

The commission discussed the budget. Dean suggested making a list of projects to complete before the end of the year. Dan will work on this for the next meeting. Dan asked if the commission should send a letter in the upcoming bill regarding the enterprise fund. Kevin says it isn't needed. Kevin said he talked to the Department of Revenue to get some info and the only big change for the Town is 1 accounting form at the end of the year.

The Commission discussed the NEFC hookup request. Based on the recent meeting with the Hopedale board, they are not going to allow a new connection for 33 Cape since it is not listed on the contract. Kevin says we need to send them a formal letter letting them know we can't support their request for a hookup.

The Commission discussed the search for alternate sources of water. Kevin spoke with the Northbridge DPW and they advised him to contact Riverdale Mills first. They are a private supplier in Northbridge and drilled a well 10 years ago with the intent of supplying Northbridge. Kevin is waiting on a call back from the owner to discuss specifics and he will bring that information back to the commission. Kevin also spoke with White Water and got a price on water mains. For a 12" main we are looking at \$350/ft assuming no ledge. Kevin has also had a few discussions with members of Fincomm and the Board of Selectmen and there is some interest in water but they are also interested in sewer. Dan mentioned the schools would definitely be interested in the possibilities of Town water. Dean thinks Riverdale Mills may have approached the Town years ago. The Commission discussed the need for more information and engineering. Kevin will try and get some more info to present.

Kevin also explained he discussed with White Water the possibilities of them co-drilling a water source in Mendon. They would be willing to come in and discuss with us. The Commission would be interested in a discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.