



Stratham Public Works Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017
Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room
10 Bunker Hill Avenue
Time: 6:30 PM

Members Present: John Boisvert, Chairman
Michael Girard, Member
Jim Cushman, Member
Lissa Ham, Member

Absent: Joe Lovejoy, Selectmen's Representative

Staff Present: Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator
Tavis Austin, AICP, Town Planner

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30; the Chairman took roll call.

2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes.

The Commission reviewed minutes of May 11, 2017.

M. Girard motioned to approve minutes as presented. J. Cushman, seconded; motion approved unanimously.

3. Public Meeting(s).

a. Newmarket Sewer Update

P. Deschaine commented that it was his understanding that Newmarket would not have capacity to serve Stratham's Gateway sewer needs but that Wright-Pierce Engineers had been asked to do a bit more research.

J. Boisvert stated that what capacity may exist may be retained for Newmarket and/or Newfields' anticipated needs in the future.

b. PTAPP Update

T. Austin updated the Commission on the beta-test phase of the project and noted that a letter was being sent to local engineering firm indicating that as of January 01, 2018, PTAPP data would need to be submitted for all development projects.

P. Deschaine noted further that the PTAPP process was being done in concert with the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition's efforts to comply regionally with MS4 mandates.

c. Wiggin Property off Rollins Farm Drive

P. Deschaine stated that the Wiggin heirs are still in discussions on how to move forward.

1 J. Cushman questioned about Lindt's water supply. J. Boisvert stated that Lindt had
2 primarily Exeter water. He commented further that Rollins Hill Development had
3 established their own community water supply for Phase III of their project.

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5 **d. Route 108 Corridor Study Committee Update**

6 P. Deschaine updated the Commission on the recent series of motions discussed and
7 approved by the 108 Committee; specifically noting that the PWC had been asked to
8 provide more specifics as to moving forward with sewer options while the Board of
9 Selectmen continued dialogue with Exeter and towards preparing a TIF district plan.
10 PWC was tasked, more specifically to see if more study or data was required to further
11 discussions with Exeter, contemplate Stratham's own sewer solution, or if there are other
12 options that the Town can consider.

13 M. Girard asked if there had been land area identified for wastewater injection and how
14 many acres may be required if land had not been identified. J. Boisvert provided some
15 insight on potential acreage needs, perhaps 30-50 acres.

16 J. Boisvert discussed a concept illustration for an integrated stormwater/sewer system.
17 The Commission discussed how to establish a proof of concept and how such may be
18 accomplished.

19 P. Deschaine suggested Rich Davies.

20 J. Boisvert noted that Wright Pierce and similar firms may not be interested in such work
21 given their traditional working model in other communities. He continued noting that
22 Tighe and Bond may consider working on such an innovative design and suggested
23 compiling a team of engineers and the UNH Stormwater Center to further design concept
24 while working collaboratively with regulators involved.

25 L. Ham joined the meeting at 6:53 PM.

26 L. Ham discussed contacts with Woodard & Curran. J. Boisvert mentioned contacts and
27 upcoming meetings with Tighe and Bond.

28 M. Girard suggested that, perhaps, one side of 108 could serve wastewater needs while
29 the other side handling stormwater. Various iterations were discussed with consideration
30 given to soil types and existing infrastructure.

31 J. Boisvert noted that the piping is functionally the same regardless of the system—
32 traditional or as conceptualized.

33 L. Ham and J. Boisvert committed to reach out to their contacts to see about moving
34 forward with the concept and to see if there was any interest from engineers in working
35 with this idea in Stratham with the intent of having a summary discussion at the October
36 PWC meeting.

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38 **4. Adjournment.**

39 J. Cushman made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Motion seconded by M. Girard. Motion
40 carried unanimously.