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Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 3/27/2017

10:00AM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker
Members present: Bob Parker; Brad Paiva; Paul Sadeck
Staff present: Keven Desmarais
Guests: Peter Hawes; John Ritter; Evan Watson of Fall Brook Project

Meeting being recorded by Paul Sadeck

Potential Water Project

- Presented is a plan of a new community build out adjacent to Proprietors Acres off Bullock Road. Typically, a requirement in the rules and regulations state that a dry water line is to be installed as part of the building project but are waived by the planning board. We want to talk about what the plan is for future water line installation.
- Bob Parker is interested in knowing what the builders plan to do as part of their project as it relates to water and what how they plan to incorporate water service within the new community build.
- Brad Paiva states that the FW&SC is looking at adding additional water lines but at this time we have an urgent matter [DEP mandated filter site improvements] on the Fall River side.
- Hawes Ritter & Watson put in the roads and perk and sell the lots, they do not work on the water aspect of the project.
- Paul Sadeck opinion is that if there is any water line extension that needs to be done it is the remainder of Chipaway, up Bullock and down Chace Road. He does not feel that with this case in particular, the Planning Board should waive the water line requirement because the next water line project is the Chipaway Road line; Assonet does not have any water line projects in the future. Bringing water along the Chipaway, Bullock & Chace Roads because this is eventually going to be the center of Freetown and where operations for the Town of Freetown will be located. That's his opinion as a Water Commissioner.
Paul explains that in the FW&SC has waived the permit fees in the past for water lines that have been installed by the project planners.
- H, R, & W plan to break ground for the Fall Brook project as soon as possible while the market is good. Having to put the dry water line as well as the well water system does not benefit the planners at all. It's cheaper to have wells put in at a new construction. They are looking for a master plan and guarantee of water line installation from the FW&SC to show the investors of the project which would make it better to present to investors.

- Keven states the Planning Board respond to the recommendations of the abutters, fire department, police department, water department, etc. Keven proposes that all boards waive their individual fees for the project in order to have the water line installed by H, R, & W. The FW&SC has a master build out plan that is several years old. How do we make installing a water line work at the least expensive way possible to the Town? We look to builders to put in lines at a reduction of fees involved. It is a million dollars per mile for the town to install a water line.

Keven outlines where the current water line projects lay in Assonet and East Freetown.

- Paul Sadeck states that the bottom line is that if weren't faced with the DEP mandated Assonet project we would move ahead on the East Freetown line right away. This is the biggest hurdle that faces the Town right now.
- Concerns regarding the Fall Brook project by residents are traffic and depletion of well water. Some residents have already had to drill a new well because of loss of water in their original well. Brad Paiva has already re-drilled down to 350 feet and gets 5 gallons a minute and is concerned about having to do a third well.
- Bob Parker states that the FW&SC should know in a couple of months whether or not a plan will be drawn up to install additional water lines.
- Better understanding of where each side is at regarding water and the folks with the Fall Brook project can now go back and make a decision regarding the installation of lines or wells.

Recess

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- Nothing further to bring before the Board.
- Paul Sadeck makes motion to adjourn. Brad Paiva 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler

Senior Clerk, Freetown Water & Sewer Commission