

**Town of Castleton
Board of Sewer Commissioners
Minutes of August 22, 2016
Town Offices**

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Combs, J. Leamy, W. Potter, R. Spaulding

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Bruno

Others Present: M. Shea, Town Manager, See Attached Listing

Meeting was called to Order by V. Chairman R. Combs at 7:00 pm

Minutes for Approval - August 8, 2016

MOTION: J. Leamy motioned to approve minutes of August 8, 2016. W. Potter seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Discussion - Crystal Heights Sewer Extension

M. Shea stated that this project has been discussed for about 20 years.

J. Burke gave a brief history of the property and the sale of the lots from the Castleton Development Commission. The monies of the sold lots went to the Town and when the Town extended the sewer on Rte.30, Crystal Heights, New Rd and Cliff Dwellers were not part of the plans because of the engineering.

He continued stating that Frank bought the bottom two (2) lots on the lake side. Frank worked with AOT and Environmental for a permit to put in a line from the pump station up Rte. 30 to cross over to North Road to a manhole that exists for the two (2) lots.

J. Leamy asked if the permit that was issued by AOT & ANR involved from the manhole on Rte. 30 across North Rd. Is the permit done by Martin Courcelle Permit #1-1923 the one you are talking about? Is that the permit that you are saying that goes under the North Rd to Rte. 30?

J. Burke responded that this is the permit for the lot at the end of Crystal Heights.

J. Leamy state that the plans show that this is for the lot half way up the hill. The drawing done by Courcelle's shows the lot at the corner and goes up the hill. He continued stating this is a copy of Bob Aronson's drawing that was agreed upon in 1987, when the septic system failed at the store and Tom Degnen wanted to sell the store and came to the Town to ask if he could connect to the existing system and the Town agreed and the Town agreed to pay the difference between the 4 inch line and a 8 inch line.

J. Thomas read from the Board of Selectmen minutes from April 19, 1987.

J. Leamy asked where the engineering plans are for the line that runs parallel to Rte. 30 and crosses North Road.

F. Taggart responded that it came from Aronson & Olson plans from 1983, and had an engineer do the plans.

J. Leamy asked who the engineer was. F. Taggart replied that the engineer denies doing the plans.

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J. Thomas stated that the line in front of the store across North Rd then across the bottom lot to the ROW of Crystal Heights exists.

J. Leamy stated that there are no plans signed off by the engineering and a certificate of inspection & completion.

J. Burke stated that there is a letter from the agency of transportation to Frank indicating that the application permit to extend the existing sewer line from its present location and connect to a private sewer line at the location, dated April 26, 1996.

J. Leamy asked that this letter is for working in the state ROW and not an engineering of the line.

J. Burke responded that Frank does not have the information you are looking for. But we do have the ability to put the line in but do not have the certificate.

F. Taggart stated that he could get someone to put a camera in the line.

J. Leamy responded that he could do what he wanted, but it was still Frank's line, and that the Town should be careful taking over a line that we didn't have engineering certification on.

J. Burke stated that there was a question about the line being too close to the septic system and the water well.

J. Leamy stated the present owner of the former store's contractor certified that he measured 19 feet and the contractor who put in the line in 1987 stated that if an elbow was put in then it could be the 50 feet, so whether that line can be used or not is still in question.

J. Burke stated that to be in compliance we need an engineer to certify that it is in compliance and it is where it is supposed to be and it is an 8 inch line.

F. Taggart stated he wants to get this on record and has been dealing with it for 20 years, and a letter from Bill Mulholland where he stated that the Town would pay the difference for an 8" line, which is \$27 per foot.

R. Combs asked what specifically asking for?

F. Taggart stated \$20,000 plus the interest for 20 years is \$16,000 more and the 4 of us put in \$6,000 and the interest on that is \$1,920. I paid taxes on the lot for 7 years before I sold it.

R. Combs stated that he felt that it is a good idea to put the lineup Crystal Heights but who is going to pay for it. The 10 year study that is in the works for the whole sewer system may address that and as soon as our engineers have completed the study, then we should address this then and maybe come up with suggestions to pay for it.

J. Thomas gave information on funding previous installation of standard projects the 75% federal & 15% state, plus 85% federal & 7% state on innovative alternative portions. So when the Town put in the alternative portion, 92% was picked up by state & federal money.

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J. Leamy asked that he explain the portion of the line he is talking about.

J. Thomas this is the extension that was completed in 1985 and essentially from Ringquist's to Crystal Haven that is the project Cliff Dwellers & Crystal Heights was omitted from because of the 92% funding.

R. Combs asked that this discussion be tabled and be brought up again at a future date.

J. Leamy stated that it is so complicated now with the line behind the building (former store) which may or may not be used, maybe the first thing we need to do is determine if the line can be used. It would be a lot less expensive to use that line, but if we can't use that back line the maybe could use the front (Taggart) line.

ADJOURN

W. Potter motioned to Adjourn. J. Leamy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.