

**TOWN OF CASTLETON**  
**SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**Monday, March 13, 2023 6:15 p.m.**  
**Zoom Virtual Public Meeting**

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**ATTENDING:** Mike Jones, Town Manager, James Leamy, Chair, Richard Combs, Robert Spaulding, Mary Lee Harris, Joseph Mark, Parliamentarian

**Attending Via Zoom:** Wayne Elliott, Jeff Lewis

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair, Jim Leamy at 6:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**R. Spaulding made a motion to approve the agenda. ML Harris seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

R. Combs arrived at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2/13/23**

**ML Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/13/23 as presented. R. Spaulding seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

**DISCUSSION ABOUT EXTENDING SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE: Wayne Elliott**

**Depot Terrace:** Discussion with W. Elliott about the extensions on the sewer infrastructure and its costs. W. Elliott estimated \$160,000- \$170,000 for the Depot Terrace extension. ML Harris asked if they were considering using ARPA funds for this. J. Leamy felt it was a possibility. ML Harris felt it was a lot for one line, J. Leamy stated Brown's Auto Salvage has indicated they would provide a substantial amount toward the cost, but no one was certain how much that was. **J. Mark made a motion that the board proceed with the expectation that any sewer extensions would be financed 50% by those receiving the benefits and the other 50% from ARPA funds. R. Spaulding seconded.** R. Combs stated he felt that was a premature discussion and that they need to figure out all the needs for ARPA funds before starting to make any commitments on those ARPA funds, ML Harris agreed. **Vote on the motion: J. Leamy and J. Mark voted in favor, R. Spaulding, R. Combs and ML Harris opposed. Motion failed 2-3.**

**Crystal Heights** - W. Elliott explained the history of the plan and approvals. If there are any failed systems up there, it would be a good candidate for the State Clean Water Funds. Is a much bigger project and would be better suited to those funds rather than ARPA. In March of last year, a rough estimate was \$525,000-\$550,000 for this project. There are 14 houses on that road and is a dirt road so there should be no pavement restoration. J. Leamy stated he felt property values increase significantly when there is a town sewer connection. M. Jones stated that he felt it would not change assessments but may be a bigger selling point for properties that would be sold.

**Preston Lane** – Also looked at this project last year, not a lot of depth in the line to allow for a gravity line, would probably need a pump station to make it the most efficient. When it was looked at, W. Elliott suggested a gravity pipe to the end to a pump station, then a small forced main, and an approximate cost to the homeowner of \$10,000 to connect to the main line. There are most likely no grant funds available.

**Creek Road** – Had been done conceptually, and the situation is unique, going along the lake and primarily flat. If it only went to Woodward's, they could drop a pump station in and a small diameter line to Route 4A, but to go much deeper would be a

problem with the water table and would be difficult to go much further north without a larger pump station and larger forced main.

#### **WWTF DISCHARGE PERMIT**

M. Jones stated he felt the ten-year plan study that was done is a part of the discharge permit, but he is not certain what else they need for their permit. W. Elliott stated the permit is good until June 20, 2024.

#### **10 YEAR SEWER & WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PLANNING STUDY**

M. Jones stated copies of this were provided to the Board for informational purposes.

#### **STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO ASSESS CONCRETE WALLS IN SBR BUILDING – DPW Director**

M. Jones stated they found some crumbling blocks during the ongoing upgrade, and it has been recommended they be assessed so there are no structural issues in the future. M. Jones will get estimates for repair for the board to review.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS (Items not on agenda-Wastewater Related)**

None at this time.

#### **SEWER BOARD COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS**

J. Mark stated he felt they need to decide if they are going to use ARPA funds for sewer projects. R. Spaulding stated he wants to stay on top of these projects. R. Combs felt the Board of Selectmen need to decide what they are going to use ARPA funds for, then the Sewer Commission can make their decisions. **R. Combs made a motion to employ W. Elliott to do a site survey on the Depot Terrace on the possibility of doing a sewer project on Depot Terrace. J. Mark seconded the motion.** W. Elliott stated he could get a low-pressure sewer on Preston Lane fairly quickly. R. Spaulding asked if they would also have time to do a survey on Crystal Heights and Preston Lane. W. Elliott asked if they wanted them to check with each homeowner, as he felt it would be more efficient if someone from the Town were to do that. **All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **6:51 pm-ADJOURN**

**R. Combs made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. R. Spaulding seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey  
Recording Secretary  
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