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**Rockland Sewer Commissioners Meeting
April 26, 2022**

In Attendance: Chuck Heshion, Dan Duross, Sherri Vallie and Stacia Callahan

Introductory Remarks

Motion made by Dan Duross, 2nd by Chuck Heshion, to open the meeting at 3:00 pm. All in favor 2-0.

Superintendent Position Update

There was a brief discussion of picking dates to interview the (4) candidates, (2) candidates per evening. Stacie Callahan will contact candidates to set up the interviews with a target of May 10 and May 11.

There was a discussion of whether the Commission will use the same questions that were used previously. It was explained that all questions need to be presented to all candidates. Any new questions for the first round of interviews must be submitted to Stacie Callahan by May 4 @ noon. Background checks are conducted by a private company. Reference checks can be conducted by the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Stacie asked that all Commissioners review the dos and don'ts of interviewing candidates worksheet prior to conducting the interviews.

Stacie reviewed the pros and cons of hiring contracts vs. employee at will.

The position is an employee of the Town of Rockland although the position reports to the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

EPA (not on the agenda)

Chuck Heshion read a letter from the EPA outlining the requirements for an upcoming meeting between the town and the EPA. The EPA is requesting a tour of the Sewer Plant on the same date as the meeting.

Chuck Heshion gave an overview of our current I&I remediation status: approved & connected projects, we have not removed the I&I, equal 26,625 GPD, at 11:1 = 292,875 GPD; approved & not connected projects that we have not removed the I&I, equal 18,080 GPD, at 11:1 = 198,880 GPD; for a total of 44,705 GPD, at 11:1 = 491,755 GPD.

The 2020 SSES study by AECOM is posted on the town website. The summary mentions that 219,000 GPD to be removed will cost \$894,000. We've only approved \$491,000. We don't have enough money to cover \$894,000.

The sole responsibility for approving permits rests with the Sewer Commissioners and there will be tough decisions to be made.

There was a brief discussion of private septic and private sewer treatment options.

Mary Parsons requests a copy of the EPA letter from Chuck Heshion.

Chuck Heshion feels the EPA will be focusing on I&I in the new Administrative Order, which will be the responsibility of the Sewer Commission and the new Sewer Superintendent.

Chuck Heshion shared his screen and reviewed approved and pending projects, fees and associated I&I for each project.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Dan Duross, to approve the approved list of projects in the following order: 1015 Hingham Street, Lydia Square, Elementary School, Moynihan Rink, Article 15 Brewery, Beechwood, Dyer and 365 Concord Street. All in favor 3-0.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Dan Duross, to notify Beechwood Estates and 365 Concord Street to provide final prints and project schedule within 6 months of receipt of the letter, or they will run the risk of being removed from the approval list. All in favor 3-0.

Chuck Heshion volunteered to write the letter.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Dan Duross, to move 320 Concord Street (40b) project to the top (1st slot) of the pending hearings list, as they have already provided prints of their project. All in favor 3-0.

Motion made by Chuck Heshion, 2nd by Dan Duross, that the balance of the pending projects be listed in order of the submittal date of plans (1st come, 1st served), subject to 60 day review.

Chuck summarized that the Board has approved 44,705 gallons of additional flow today. Based on the 11:1 ratio, we need to remove a total of 491,755 gallons of I&I. On the pending list, 320 Concord Street has a flow of 1,320 gallons; the 11:1 ratio adds another 14,520 gallons of I&I to be removed. Total I&I to be removed is 506,275 gallons.

Discuss Ordinance Changes

Chuck Heshion screen shared "ordinance changes with moratorium conditions" document. A discussion of possible changes to the Ordinance took place.

There was some discussion of process flow, how the Form K is used. There was further discussion about the development of a form for use by the Sewer Department to document the process, flow of documentation, presentations, approvals and fees for development projects.

Once approved, the developer must pay the fees within (30) days, or the project will be moved from approved status to pending status. This allows the Sewer Department to move forward with I&I removal

Sherri makes the case that the responsibility for removing the I&I rests with the Sewer Department, and that we should receive the fees up-front from the developer and then remove the I&I.

Sherri agrees to make the draft changes to the Ordinance.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 19.

Motion made by Dan Duross, 2nd by Sherri Vallie, to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 pm. All in favor 3-0.

