

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2015

Carby Street Municipal Office Building, Champagne Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 8:22 am

Present:

Commissioners: Jim Connors, Chair and Frank MacPherson

Staff: Todd Korchin

Daniel Bailey (Rackemann, Sawyer and Brewster)

Mike Frisoli (157 Grove Street), Joanna Kjellman (258 Grove Street)

Minutes recorded by Tish Healey

Grove Street Sewer

- Jeff Bina supplied a cost estimate for the extension of sewer to Grove Street. The estimate is broken down into 2 phases. Phase 1 includes extending sewer from the existing gravity sewer manhole in Summer Street to the intersection with Grove Street. Five manholes would need to be installed to allow the pipe to stay in the public way. The estimate for Phase 1 is \$161,308. Phase 2 extends from the new manhole at the intersection of Summer Street and Grove Street, and extends up Grove Street with two manholes. The estimated cost breakdown of Phase 2 is \$138,693. A quote from a local contractor was approximately \$100,000 to construct phase 2. The estimated cost of the entire project is approximately \$300,000.
- Grove Street is scheduled to be paved in 2015. Paving could be put off until spring or summer 2016, but the road is in poor shape after last winter's storms.
- Residents have the option of constructing Phase 2 and paving Grove Street this summer or early fall. The residents would pay the estimated \$100,000 for all construction costs. The Sewer Commission would then ask for \$45,000 from retained earnings at the Fall Town meeting for 50% of work completed. The residents run the risk that the Town Meeting request be denied. It is the opinion of the Sewer Commission that the project be presented as a total project at fall Town Meeting for the total cost of \$300,000. If approved, 50% of the project cost (\$150,000) would be appropriated from retained earnings.
- 50% of the total cost of the sewer construction in the public way will be the responsibility of the homeowners on Grove Street (those requesting the sewer service, approximately 3 homes) and the Town is responsible for the remaining 50%. Any construction on private property is the responsibility of the homeowner. Betterment for the 50% residents share can be assessed over 20 years, but any portion remaining would need to be paid prior to the current resident selling their property.
- The Sewer Commission will require a Town Meeting vote to appropriate any funds for the project.
- Residents will review cost estimates and reconvene at a date to be determined.

On the discussions of Grove Street sewer, Commissioner Antonellis recused himself from the matter with respect to a potential conflict of interest.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:10 am by Jim Connors, seconded by Frank MacPherson.

Approved:

Date

 12/1/15

Sewer Commission, Clerk