

Water Pollution Control Authority  
December 19, 2007  
Regular Meeting  
Town Hall – Council Chambers

Members Present: Mr. John Attwood  
Mrs. Katherine Fabiani  
Mr. Bruce King  
Mr. Mark Korman  
Mr. Richard Levy  
Mr. Michael Solomon  
Mr. Mark Witek

Members Absent: All members present

Others Present: Mr. Joseph Michelangelo, Director of Public Works  
Mr. Donald Chelton, Metcalf & Eddy  
Mrs. Elizabeth Esty, Town Council Liaison  
Mr. Dennis Dievert, Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Town Attorney Andrew Lord  
Town Manager Michael Milone

Mr. Witek moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority appoint Mr. Attwood to serve as Chairman pro tem for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Korman and carried unanimously.

Chairman pro tem Attwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum determined. The assembled group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Attwood explained to the audience how to exit the chamber in the event of an emergency, in compliance with the Fire Marshal's order.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no public communications relating to items not addressed in the agenda.

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **Request for feasibility, The Shoppes at Cheshire, 1953-2037 Highland Avenue**

Mr. Anthony Fazzino, attorney for The Shoppes at Cheshire, addressed the Authority requesting feasibility approval for The Shoppes at Cheshire. He stated that at the last Water Pollution Control Authority meeting the applicant was asked to research an alternate means to sewer the property, different from what has been proposed.

Mr. Jeffrey Curley spoke on behalf of the applicant. He described an alternate gravity route crossing underneath Rt. 691. This route will cross DOT property and will follow across a second parcel of land which is privately owned. A meeting is scheduled with DOT in January to discuss this alternative route. Meanwhile, the applicant will pursue a meeting with the private landowner to seek an easement over that property.

Mr. Curley stated that the gravity sewer is doable with permission from the DOT and the private property owner to cross those two properties.

Mr. John Milone of Milone & MacBroom addressed the Authority and stated that his client is willing to do whatever is necessary to design the proposed gravity sewer, to the extent that the aforementioned obstacles can be overcome. Mr. Attwood thanked Mr. Milone for exploring the possibility of the gravity sewer.

Mr. Milone presented a map of the proposed sewer, and detailed the path it will follow and how it will flow. It will bypass the channel which is proposed to be extended to allow flows in excess of the 100-year storm. In order to carry the sewer through that area there is a limited space of about 7-8 feet. One concern is the potential of lowering the elevation of the bypass. He opined that the gravity sewer is feasible and his firm will explore it in more detail.

Mr. Milone explained that the stone arch on the property is on the National Registry of Historical Preservation. In April there was a failure of the culvert, and the Town built a bypass to relieve upstream pressure. The property owner has repaired the culvert. Mr. Milone offered that the stone arch and culvert will become a design feature of the proposed shopping center.

Mr. Witek inquired as to whether the elevation of the sanitary sewer can be dropped. Mr. Chelton further queried as to how much the elevation will be lowered. Mr. Milone stated that the plan calls for the sewer to be lowered 2-3 feet. Mr. Chelton inquired as to whether the sewer will come through the "great fill", which was a project conducted many years ago that called for a tremendous amount of fill to be installed. Mr. Milone stated that it will traverse that area and will cross the Ten Mile River.

Mr. Michelangelo commented that the Ten Mile river flows to the north. Mr. Milone stated that there are two options which are feasible, and his firm will pursue both. Mr. Chelton stated that his firm reviewed the report prepared by Milone & MacBroom regarding the property which is designated as a growth area on the C&D map. The report states that there is a strip of land running along the Ten Mile River that is existing open space and conservation on the C& D map. Mr. Chelton noted that this is not shown on the project site plans. He requests that the applicant review this area to confirm that no development will take place on this strip.

Mr. Michelangelo requested that the applicant provide more information regarding a public versus private pump station, including ownership, capital replacement, and maintenance and operational responsibilities.

Mr. Chelton commented that the flows presented are on the low side. The flows are higher than those used in the first phase of the Facilities Plan report. He suggested that the applicant use the flow allowances for retail, grocery, restaurant and theater as spelled out in the review of the plans by Metcalf & Eddy. It is recommended that an allowance of 100 g.p.d. per acre be used for industrial and commercial property.

The Metcalf & Eddy report states that the wastewater loading rate is higher than the projections in the first phase of the Facilities Plan. He suggested that the Water Pollution Control Authority consider including a special flow allowance for this project. Mr. Chelton noted that the plans submitted meet the criteria for feasibility approval, but many of the details of design have not been defined, i.e., location of the force main and type of installation.

Mr. Chelton informed the Authority that the project uses up some of the capacity that was set aside for other properties. The Authority may decide to change the present allowances.

Mr. Curley presented pump station logs from January to November of 2007 which details average daily flows by month. Mr. Attwood commented that discussion regarding flows can be addressed at a later time. It was the consensus of the Authority that the project is feasible, and there are two means of constructing the sewer system which are being considered.

Mr. Attwood moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority has reviewed the application and submittals of The Shoppes at Cheshire, Highland Avenue, W&S Development for Feasibility Approval for extension of public sanitary sewers. Based upon that review and based upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, the Water Pollution Control Authority has determined that the application and submittals detail a sanitary sewerage system which is generally capable of construction and which is capable of being connected to the Town of Cheshire public sanitary sewer system; therefore, the application for feasibility is approved with the following stipulation:

That the applicant continues to evaluate a gravity system to the West Johnson Avenue pump station.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Solomon and carried 6-0-1. Mr. Levy abstained.

### **Elim Park Wellness Center and Chapel**

Mr. Solomon recused himself from discussion and/or action regarding this application.

Mr. Ron Dischinger, President/CEO of Elim Park, addressed the Authority and stated that at the last meeting the Authority had numerous questions related to the amount of

