

BPA PUBLIC MEETING

APRIL 12, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Seigerst with Jim Reider, Stephanie Byrne, Superintendent Jeff Sheehan, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Solicitor Mark Manlove, Dennis Wolff, Kevin Goodwin, Jeff and Carol Capozzo, Don Craver, Chris Knop, Tom Mikulski, Dick Bonner, Dave Harrington, Karen Krenzel, Jim Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Feller, Cathy Strobe, Karen Clyde, Jeff Kaiser, Gary Martin, Ray Atwood, Chad Harris, Rob Reiner, Brenda Reiner, Jody Schroath from the Villager, a reporter for the Record Courier and other interested visitors. Mayor Craig Moser, Bob Matson and Dave Kirk entered the meeting at 7:50 PM.

President Ed Seigerst discussed the reasons why the Liberty Street Sewer Line was necessary. There are issues with the private sewer line in Sky Plaza it is in bad condition and residents and businesses are taped into the private line. This is causing the line to surge on Windham Street behind Chris Knop's property.

The cost of the project is \$482,000.00 and does not include the cost to go down the Wastewater Treatment Plant driveway. The Board would pay the cost to cross the creek, which is estimated at \$132,000.00. The Board will submit an Issue II application for 50% of the remaining cost. The assessment amount for property owners on Liberty Street would be estimated at \$109,000.00. The Board would assess property at a cost of \$28.00 per foot. The cost would not exceed \$28.00 a foot. The project would begin in 2005 and should be complete in 2006. This is all pending the Issue II Grant. If the Board would not get the grant the project would be cancelled and the Board would resubmit an application for Issue II funding in 2006.

There was discussion on the tap in fees; the Board would consider waiving the tap in fee if the residents taped in by 2010. It would be mandatory to tie in no later than 2020 and the tap in fees would not be waived.

Cathy Strobe addressed some issue for the residents on Liberty Street. At the last meeting on April 5, 2004 Said from Arcadis Finkbeiner, Pettis and Strout said that the Liberty Street sewer line would not correct the problem on Windham Street. Tap in fees for residents who don't tap in are being penalized for not taping in. The developer of the Terlaak property should pay more than the residents because they are the ones who are going to make the money. In the minutes you stated that the Liberty Street sewer line would be proposed with the Wastewater Treatment Expansion. What about a study for the Windham Street sewer line repair? In the January minutes you met with interested parties for the Terlaak property. Who requested the meeting and what was discussed? You said 14 homes will not have an impact on the Wastewater Treatment plant capacity but if you put 80 or more homes on the Terlaak property there will be an impact. The property is zoned R-1. Are going to change the property to 1/2 acre lots? The developer is the only one who is going to benefit from this project not the residents. Does Council

have to authorize the assessments or a resolution to start the project? Is this the only meeting that we will have? Solicitor Mark Manlove said that Council does not have to do anything for the Liberty Street Sewer Line the Board can approve everything. Clerk Nancy Baldwin said that Council has to authorize the Mayor to submit an Issue II application for the project. Superintendent Jeff Sheehan said that people in the Village when the sewer was first put in were not happy either. The developer will pay the same frontage cost as the other residents. The health department and EPA are more strict and getting more rigid with septic systems. Cathy Strobe asked about Chad Harris and what he would have to pay if he would need a grinder pump.

Mike Cook said that Said stated in the last meeting that the Liberty Street sewer line would not correct the problem on Windham Street. The developer is the reason you are putting the sewer on Liberty Street. The line will not help the residents we don't want it.

Stephanie Byrne said she would like an explanation given to Mike Cook about why Said said that it would not help Windham Street. Superintendent Jeff Sheehan said that residents are confusing the south interceptor with the Liberty Street sewer line. Superintendent Jeff Sheehan said that Said felt it would not help the south street interceptor but would help with the flow on Windham Street. Resident disagreed. Rainwater is surcharging the line.

Gary Martin stated that no one is happy on Liberty Street. We are a bedroom community and moved here to get away from all the crap in the city and now it is in the Village I would be better off to go back to the city. Why is there such a big price difference from the 1996 project? President Ed Seigerst said that in 1996 the cost would be born by the homeowners and now the Board reducing the cost by 50%. Gary Martin asked what cost are you talking about? President Ed Seigerst said \$28.00 a foot and waiving the capacity fee for those who tie in before 2010.

Karen Clyde asked the Board what money is set aside for the project. President Ed Seigerst said the Board has \$100,000.00 in a CD. What is the purpose of the CD and what will it be used for? President Ed Seigerst said that the Board could use the CD for anything that it wanted to.

Karen Krenzel told the Board that the frontage for her property is not on the map for Liberty Street. President Ed Seigerst said that Planning Commission and the Board would determine her footage.

Karen Clyde said two years ago you took my property to expand the Wastewater Treatment Plant. You said you could not cross the creek because it was too expensive because of the rock now I hear a different story. When does the plant need expanded? You say that 14 homes will not have an impact on the capacity.

Chad Harris said that the capacity is at 80% if you put 80 to 100 homes on the Terlaak property it will have an impact. Are you saying that the Sewage Treatment Plant does not

need the expansion? President Ed Seigerst said I cannot answer that question I don't know what will occur in the next three or four years.

Karen Clyde asked if the Board had a plan. This all has to do with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Karen said that Issue II money could be used for other things for the Village or Planning Commission. President Ed Seigerst said I cannot answer your question. We should not discuss this matter at this meeting.

Rob Reiner said that a new water plant and sewer plant and the developer would be good to go.

President Ed Seigerst said there are reasons why the Board is doing this and I can repeat them again. The private sewer line and we need to provide a system for Windham Street.

Chad Harris said Liberty Street is being pushed for the developer. What more problems do you want? The developer is here to make money.

Jim Mayer said that some of the homes on Liberty Street have new systems and aeration systems and that telling people that the septic systems are not good is false. The aeration systems are inspected annually and the discharge is probably cleaner than what the plant puts out. I know Mayer said I install them. Residents on Liberty Street should not have to connect until their septic systems fail.

Karen Krenzel asked if the zoning would be changed to ½ acre lots? What would stop the zoning change? The developer could only put 30 or 40 homes with the current zoning they would have to have septic systems. What about having my alpacas are you going to change that. I already have three jobs and I can't afford this. This is an emotional impact we don't want to be like Streetsboro or Aurora. Streetsboro was just sued by a developer for a zoning change and developer won in court.

Karen Clyde said the sewer line will have an impact on all the Village residents, the Wastewater Treatment Plant will have to be expanded and rates will increase for all of us.

Don Craver said that the Village had changed his zoning from R-3 to R-2 because of the capacity of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. When will you change my zoning back like I was promised?

Jim Reider said not to look at this in a personal way. The line on Windham Street is in bad shape. How do we correct the problem? This is the best way for right now because of the cost.

Gary Martin said these are our homes, next there will be an assessment for sidewalks. You are capping the gains I can make on my home and that will affect our plans for the future.

Stephanie Byrne said that she was not in favor of development. No one wants to see change. The whole town should have sewers. Septic systems only last for so long. Stephanie said she feels this has been rushed. Your cost will be \$28.00 a foot I feel bad for you. We are making the best decisions two or three years down the road it could cost \$80.00 to \$90.00 a foot.

Superintendent Jeff Sheehan said the Village could be found negligent if the problem on Windham Street is not corrected.

Karen Clyde said she did not want to hear the Village could be negligent that is not true and I am tired of hearing that. Karen asked Solicitor Mark Manlove to look into this and get back with her. Karen said I have looked into this situation and what you are saying is not true.

No decisions will be made until the summer.

Moved by Reider, seconded by Byrne to adjourn.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

President

ATTEST:

Clerk