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SEIC Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2016

In attendance: Nanette Perkins, Dick Johnson, Mike Miller, Hank Tuohy, Doug Cabral, Dave Sampson, Jay Pateakos, Matt Schimmel.

Guests: Blair Haney, Nancy Crossman, Bruce Douglas, Daryl Crossman, Peter Dubay, Thomas Tsakalos, Peter Beauchemin, Tao Wolfe and Sue James.

5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Dick Johnson

In continuing wastewater conversation from the previous meeting, Johnson announced that both Dave Mason and Wright Pierce were unable to make the meeting to discuss the town's wastewater issue. Bruce Douglas, VP of Natural Systems Utilities, of Easton, MA presented at the meeting, with side by side analysis of two wastewater projects

First order of business was the approval of August 16th meeting minutes, moved by Nanette and seconded by Matt.

Next up was Douglas, who gave a brief history of Natural Systems Utilities, who has done work in New England, Upper Mid West, California and the Mid-Atlantic, went on to discuss wastewater systems they worked on that were public/private partnerships including most recently in Easton, which is 29 square miles as opposed to Sandwich's 44 square miles. The two wastewater systems were for two parts of town, North Easton near the historical part of town and at the Industrial Park. The North Easton unit would need 50K gallons per day capacity but also to fit into the historic aspect of the area with a cost of \$44M to the town that would enhance wastewater and water systems at the same time. The second (commercial) unit would need 150K gallons per day capacity and cost \$4.5 million of which the town's share is \$3.07 million. Douglas got into the ins and outs of both units and why they worked.

Chairman Johnson said it took an awful lot of studies to get to this point for Easton before their selectmen could make a decision especially on land availability, impact on residents and the lessening impact on residents the more the private sector can get involved in the process.

Town Planner Blair Haney talked of the importance of outreach in this process, to have a group to reach out to both residents and businesses owners to seek opportunities for public/private partnerships which would make the costs come down dramatically.

There was talk of having MassDevelopment come in and talk about their public/private partnerships and how they pulled it off. Haney also mentioned the potential of intermunicipal agreements and sending sewer to adjacent towns.

Member Matt Schimmel discussed the Local Comprehensive Plan and the chance to develop a list of ongoing projects in town, sit down with 2-3 action items and see which ones the SEIC can accomplish including things like the Clark Haddad project, the Wing School and more. It was then added that perhaps the Marketing Committee of the SEIC could go through the projects, meet with project proponents. Member David Sampson had concern for the Marketing Committee taking it on with a small crew but was assured that it was something the group could do.

The next meeting was reported as being on Oct. 17th.

Approved *Richard Johnson* President
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