



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING SEWER ALLOCATION PROGRAM and FEES & TRANSFER STATION PERMITS and FEES

Monday, June 4, 2012

5:30 p.m.

C.J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

Present: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Paul Szatkowski, and Commissioner Gribbin. Also in attendance were Utilities Superintendent Kelly Curtis; Town Attorney Martin Lawlor, Utilities Consultant Len Assard, Town Engineer Andrew Morosky and Town Comptroller Robert Kozlowski.

First Selectman Knickerbocker opened the Public Hearing at 5:30p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Knickerbocker read the call and opened the floor for comments.

Gene Rubino; property owner on Route 6: Indicated twenty (20) years ago the property owners on Route 6 spent a great deal of money to install the sewers onto the Route 6 corridor. Mr. Rubino expressed that the Tighe & Bond Study gives very little allocation per property. Mr. Rubino is not in agreement and very disappointed with the Sewer Allocation Program as it is proposed.

Roy Steiner property owner along Route 6: Indicated his disagreement with the proposed Sewer Allocation Program. Mr. Steiner has concerns of the sewer allocation allotment for each property. Mr. Steiner also noted that this will affect the economic development of the entire Route 6 corridor as well as having a large cost impact for allocations on the developers. Mr. Steiner would like for the Town to fix the Inflow and Infiltration problems first, without burdening future users, and then see what is being sent to Danbury. Mr. Steiner was under the impression that Stony Hill area had enough allocation and the Downtown area was of concern with less allocation.

Pat Rist, Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission, 10 Shelter Rock Road: The Planning and Zoning Commission did a study on Route 6 Corridor for the Economic Development and these properties need an adequate amount of sewer allocation to develop this area properly.

Mrs. Mills; 4 Colonial Drive: Mrs. Mills is in favor of the economic development in the Route 6 Corridor and states if needed to go to Danbury and purchase more allotment.

Peter Olson; 94 Chestnut Street: Mr. Olson distributed to the Commission his suggested recommendations to the Sewer Allocation Program (copies available in Public Works Office for review). Mr. Olson indicated that there are several errors with the Tighe and Bond Study, such as the allocation for the Stony Hill Inn site because Tighe & Bond did not use up to date Zoning information, and would like the errors corrected.

Neil Marcus; representing Anthony Deluca, 37 Maple Avenue: Mr. Marcus referenced three (3) cases that have gone through the courts regarding Sewer allocations. Mr. Marcus indicates this program takes away authority from the Planning and Zoning Commission for land use / density decisions. Also, Mr. Marcus states the Tighe and Bond Study is based on engineer data and not health department data. Mr. Marcus also indicated that his client is seeking to develop on his property 37 Maple Ave and having affordable housing but as the Tighe and Bond Study indicates he will be short 850 gallons a day.

Bob Legnard, Evergreen Drive, Vice Chairman, Planning and Zoning: Mr. Legnard feels the problem with the Sewer Allocation Program should be corrected so the development on Route 6 is not impaired.

First Selectman Knickerbocker indicated to the attendees that he wants to encourage applications such as were discussed at this meeting and he does not want to discourage property owners. He also noted that this proposed program is not yet complete and he thanks all for attending.

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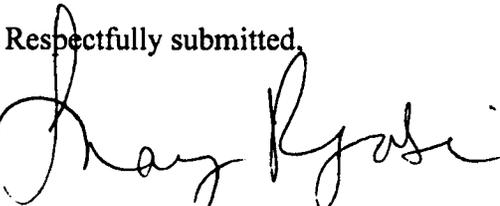
First Selectman Knickerbocker read the call and opened the floor for comment.

Mr. Battista of Linda Lane: Inquired about the new permit fees and indicated that he is looking at the cost of going with Winters Brothers, which gave him an offer for trash and recycling pickup that he is considering.

Adjourn:

First Selectman Knickerbocker closed the Public Hearing at 6:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tracy Rogalski, Recording Secretary