

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

On November 19, 2008, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 12:00 PM at the Town Office Building in Lakeville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Evirs at 12:05 PM. Selectmen present were: Selectman Evirs and Selectman Yeatts. Also present was Tracie Craig, Executive Assistant.

Meet with City of Taunton regarding water line extension

Present for the discussion were: Ben Levesque of CDM; Cathal O'Brien from the City of Taunton, Richard Keith from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Christopher Peck, Superintendent of Streets.

Selectman Yeatts stated that this meeting was to clarify some of the details regarding work done by a previous company on the Precinct Street water line. We need to get on the same page. Tibbetts Engineering could not decide what was what in regards to where to connect the proposed extension. They are moving forward at a cost to the Town, and she has told them to stop and wait for direction. Are we coming off the 8" stub or from the 16" line across from the library? Chairman Evirs said in the Request for Proposals, we did state it was for an 8" extension. The 8" stub is at the church on Precinct Street. Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of a 12" and 16" water line extension. Chairman Evirs spoke about looping the water line extension through Heritage Hill.

Ben Levesque said his company is working on the model for the City of Taunton water system and that includes the parts located in Lakeville. It is all tied in together. They can isolate Lakeville and make Lakeville its own entity. Mr. Levesque said that if the pumps at the Taunton Treatment Plant go down, Lakeville will not have water. Cathal O'Brien said the extension is based on Lakeville constructing the proposed water tank. Mr. Levesque said they are gathering as much information as they can to come up with an estimate on the tank size. However, considering everything that could be developed, it is going to be a large tank. If you want to do it in phases (a tank farm) that would be fine, because water tanks are not expandable once they are put in. He said fire protection is the key. ISO tells you how much flow you need for a certain size building. No ISO testing has been done, so we have to estimate how much water you will need in storage in case of a fire. Based on preliminary numbers, you are looking at a million gallon tank. Mr. Levesque said that the Town would need a pump station. Mr. O'Brien said Taunton would need a general idea on the location and size of the proposed tank.

Mr. Levesque asked if Tibbetts had looked at the proposed demands. Richard Keith said you need to look at potential demands. You would estimate your storage needs based upon potential demands. Selectman Yeatts said there is an office building which has been approved for the property next to Doug Mills' property. Chairman Evirs asked about the possibility of connecting a 12" water line to an 8" stub. Mr. Keith said that the cost to put the pipe in the ground would be the same. Mr. O'Brien said that when the Town re-paves Precinct Street, they could put a 16" T in the ground.

Selectman Yeatts said that Tibbetts is already changing the scope of their work, saying that additional work is required. They did not realize that there was a stub at the church property. Mr. O'Brien said connecting at the 8" stub would save the Town money. Mr. Levesque said that by mid December, he should be able to have an idea where they are with the model. Mr. O'Brien noted that if the Town can wait to proceed until the model is done, it could save the Town money. The model would tell us if we can run an 8" water line. Mr. Levesque said he would get a more definitive schedule regarding the model's completion shortly.

Selectman Yeatts said that the warrant for the December 8, 2008 Special Town Meeting includes an article regarding the financing of the water tower. Mr. Keith said the Town has until June of 2009 to actually vote it. Chairman Evirs said we need approval from Town Meeting. Selectman Yeatts asked when the Town could begin building the tank. Mr. Keith said as soon as the SRF list becomes final. The draft list is due out January 1, 2009. The final list should be out the end of January. As soon as the list is public, the funds are available. Selectman Yeatts asked if the pump station could be located underneath the tank. Chairman Evirs said the Town of Marion has just done that. Mr. Keith said most towns are going with that option. Mr. Levesque said that they can try to get a rough gallonage number prior to December 8th. His concern is being able to justify where we came up with the gallonage number. However, it is difficult to estimate the water needs for expansion because it is based on the proposed uses.

Mr. O'Brien said that a tank is needed for both existing and future commercial growth. Lakeville has some large areas that are open that could be developed. Mr. Keith said you need to have a good idea of water storage needs for the next 20 years since the tank cannot be expanded. You can build a bigger tank and start out with lower float levels. Mr. Levesque said the Town needs to meet the level of fire protection flow. Mr. Keith said DEP likes to have two (2) days of storage. Mr. Levesque said we estimate a ½ days to one (1) day storage. Selectman Yeatts said we need to account for future development. Discussion occurred about preventing the water in the tank from becoming stale. Mr. O'Brien suggested using a module pump station, which consists of two (2) pumps with one designated as a fire pump. Mr. Levesque suggested leaving an empty space for installation of a future pump to handle expansion. Mr. Keith stressed that it is critical to size the tank now. The proposed Residences at Lakeville Station will have a large water demand. Chairman Evirs said they hope to begin digging the foundations next week on that project. Mr. Keith said you are going to want to put pipes across Routes 105/79 for a good flow of water. Mr. O'Brien noted that the second flow test that was performed came back as poor. We need a demand for flow.

Chairman Evirs said that that it might not be a bad thing to put a 12" water line in to the Town Office Building. It costs the same to design and install as an 8" water line. We should consider if looping the system around Heritage Hill would make the system more efficient. We are only bringing the water line to the edge of the Town property line. Mr. O'Brien said this would be a long dead end, approximately 2,500 linear feet. We will run it through the model. It still might be best to run an 8" even if we decided to loop it through Heritage Hill 20 years from now. Mr. Keith noted that you need to do something about the water at the Town Office Building now. Selectman Yeatts asked if the tank was up, would there be enough water pressure. Mr. O'Brien said you might be able to have an 8" line if you had the tower. Chairman Evirs said when Precinct Street is re-paved, we could replace the 8" with a larger pipe. Selectman Yeatts asked is

8" or 12" pipe better for a dead end. Mr. Levesque said the dead end doesn't matter if you are using enough water to clear the stagnant water in the pipe. Chairman Evirs said the Savas Plaza will be a good customer. Mr. Keith said the problem is when the nursing home next door is sold. No one knows what will be there. The cost difference between 8" and 12" pipe is not much. Mr. O'Brien said once the model is completed, we might find out that we can live with an 8" pipe. Mr. Keith said that once the water line extension is in place, this area might expand with development. Chairman Evirs said we want to plan for tomorrow. Trying to connect across Precinct Street to the 16" main is not a good idea. We should be using the 8" stub. Mr. Keith said you will have brand new pipe, so fresh water should not be an issue.

It was agreed to meet again on November 26th at 10:00 AM with Mr. Levesque and Mr. Keith, and the parties left the room.

At 12:55 PM, upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts, with Chairman Evirs stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To enter Executive Session to discuss the Police Union contract and to return to Open Session.
Selectman Yeatts – aye, Selectman Evirs – aye.

At 1:15 PM, the Selectmen returned to Open Session. Selectman Yeatts stated that she wanted to discuss the contract with Tibbetts Engineering for the water line extension design. She said that the Town had received a Contract Amendment from them asking for an additional \$10,800. They performed the survey before doing the site work. Chairman Evirs said his first thought was that the Request for Proposals stated that the water line would commence from an existing 8" stub on Precinct Street. Tibbetts did a survey without any regards to this fact. Selectman Yeatts said that Tibbetts underbid the next company by \$10,000 and now are requesting almost \$11,000 to complete the job. Chairman Evirs said in the contract with Tibbetts, under Section 11, Paragraph B, it states that the Town shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without cause, upon ten (10) days written notice to the Engineer. In the event that the Agreement is terminated pursuant to this subparagraph, the Engineer shall be reimbursed in accordance with the Agreement for all work performed up to the termination date. Chairman Evirs said it was his suggestion that the Board terminate the contract with Tibbetts. Selectman Yeatts agreed, saying that she did not want any hiccups in the process. We need to continue moving forward with this project. Chairman Evirs said the next lowest bidder was Field Engineering. Selectman Yeatts said that the Town Administrator had checked, and we can award the contract to the next lowest bidder.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts, with Chairman Evirs stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: Under Section 11, Paragraph B, of the contract between the Town of Lakeville and Tibbetts Engineering Corporation, that we terminate the contract with Tibbetts Engineering Corporation for the design of the water line extension to the Town Office Building.
Unanimous vote.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts, with Chairman Evirs stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To enter into a contract with Field Engineering to complete the design of the water line extension to the Town Office Building.
Unanimous vote.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Yeatts, with Chairman Evirs stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 1:25 PM.
Unanimous in favor.