

HARWINTON WPCA SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, December 7, 2012, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Salvatore Bonola, Joe Rinaldi, Gilbert Roberts, Chris Janco, Mark Gelormino.
Absent: John Souchuns, Bob McCuin.

1. Open meeting – establish quorum.

Chairman Bonola opens the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All regular members present are seated and alternate Gil Roberts, with a quorum established.

2. Sewer Connection: 416 Clearview Avenue.

Owner of the property, Michael Conroy is present with contractor Don Truskauskas. Chairman Bonola explains that he recently toured the home and property with Mr. Conroy. Chairman Bonola opens the floor to Mr. Conroy, who submits various photos of the cleanouts and related elements, providing some information to the board. Mr. Conroy indicates that he did contact Mr. "Billy" Gilbert, who had installed storm drains and performed site work for the neighboring property to the south, with Mr. Gilbert indicating that he did not know if or in what manner the sewer pipe on Mr. Conroy's property may have been installed. There are five to seven cleanouts along the length of the driveway. The total length of sewer pipe from the house along the driveway to the end of the property is estimated at about 500'.

Discussion takes place regarding how best to proceed. Members agree that if the sewer pipe is in fact installed, there is no way to tell if it was installed properly. Mr. Gelormino indicates concern with possible inflow as there is no way to tell how many sections of pipe were used, what joints were used to connect any sections and what type of piping was used. He recommends that six to eight 20' sections of pipe be unearthed and inspected and that the entire line be pressure and/or vacuum tested. He also recommends that the owner camera the entire line. Mr. Rinaldi expresses his concern that since the former owner of the property (Ric Builders) was not responsive to this board, there is really no reason to believe that the line was installed correctly. Mr. Truskauskas indicates that pressure testing the lateral would alleviate any infiltration concerns, especially with the number of cleanouts installed. Discussion includes other facets of inspection including inspection of joints and bedding and completion of t.v. camera work.

WPCA Inspector Gil Roberts expresses his concerns including those already mentioned and several others including the installation (or not) of a check valve, fernco fitting, proper bedding and/or hazard tape.

Motion Mr. Gelormino, second Mr. Janco that all of the concerns discussed tonight be properly addressed to the satisfaction of the WPCA Inspector before the owner may use the sanitary sewer system, including unearthing of multiple 20' sections of pipe (eight sections including both ends), pressure testing of the line, and completion of t.v. camera work the entire length. Further discussion takes place regarding the issue of a check valve and fernco fitting. The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Conroy requests a refund of the \$3500 hook-up fee he has paid to WPCA since connection will now be delayed until spring due to the amount of work required to allow for proper inspection. The board discusses the option of allowing Mr. Conroy to proceed with the lateral line work at the mainline in the roadway before the inspection of the existing line on the property, since it will become difficult if not impossible to re-pave the road properly (due to the time of year (temperature/season)) in about another week or so.

3. Adjourn. Motion Mr. Gelormino, second Mr. Janco at 6:47 p.m. to adjourn, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Neal, WPCA Clerk



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