

Burrillville Sewer Commission  
Workshop of 1-25-2007  
Board Room of the BWWTF

Members Present: Scott P. Rabideau, Chairman  
Don C. Wolfe, Vice Chairman  
Wallace F. Auclair, Secretary

Also Present: Walter J. Kane – Attorney for the Commission  
William Skerpan Jr. – Beta Group, Inc.  
John Martin III – Superintendent  
Jay Manning – DEM  
Joe Raymond – Building Official  
Arthur Jones – Plumbing Inspector  
Nancy Binns – Town Council President  
Kevin Cleary – DPW  
Mr. & Mrs. Polak – 63 Elm Rd  
Mr. Lavigne – 23 Maple Leaf Rd  
Mrs. Foisy – New Village Resident  
Mr. Beaulieu – 11 Elm Rd  
Mrs. Menard – 45 Maple Leaf Rd  
Mrs. Gaudet – 55 Maple Leaf Rd  
Mrs. Chamberland – 40 Woodside Rd  
Mr. & Mrs. Wieland – 103 Stockwell Rd  
David Cluley  
Mr. & Mrs. Puffer – 7 Maple Leaf Rd  
Ms. Sheila O'Brien – 59 Elm Rd  
Peg Franklin – Office Manager  
Stacey Richard – Financial Aide

Mr. Rabideau opened the workshop at 7:10 P.M.

**Agenda Item** – Development of a work plan for the Glendale Village groundwater drainage issues.

**Discussion** – Mr. Skerpan gave a history of the sewer work performed in the New Village area. Mr. Skerpan also presented a chart displaying the elevations of the old sewer system, the new sewer system, and the homes in the New Village. The chart also displayed which homes were having water drainage issues. Mr. Skerpan stated that the new sewer system is approximately 2 – 2 1/2 feet deeper than the old sewer system. Mr.

Skerpan noted that the chart shows most of the homes that are experiencing water drainage issues are in close proximity to the invert elevations of the old sewer system. Mr. Skerpan then gave an overview of the work plan that had been developed. Mr. Skerpan stated that the work plan would involve reestablishing the old sewer line so that it would become a sub-drain for the neighborhood. Mr. Skerpan stated that DEM would need documentation that no contaminated water is being discharged to the river. Mr. Skerpan stated a cross connection between the old and new sewer system could be developed on a temporary basis only to reestablish the line and get the groundwater flowing again and that flow would have to be tested based on the parameters given by DEM. Mr. Skerpan also stated that because there is no way to know what the amount of flow is going to be, there is concern that the Oakland pump station could flood. A gate valve would be installed at the cross connection to control the amount of flow. The first phase of work plan would involve an inspection of all the homes in the New Village. Mr. Skerpan stated that the inspection would be performed by the Town's Plumbing Inspector and a representative of the Sewer Commission. The inspection would confirm and document that all sanitary connections have been properly disconnected from the old sewer lines and reconnected to the Towns' new sanitary sewer system. Mr. Skerpan also stated that residents with full basements that have floor drains need to have the floor drains blocked. Mr. Skerpan stated that the Commission cannot guarantee that all of the water problems will be eliminated with this work plan. Mr. Skerpan noted that the Commission will have to speak to the Town regarding the responsibility of this drain once it is opened up. Mr. Skerpan stated that there is a contractor that is working in Town that is willing to perform the work under a change order and the cost would be eligible under the Town's SRF funding. Mr. Skerpan stated that work on Stockwell Rd would take approximately three weeks in perfect weather conditions. Mr. Manning stated DEM would need a formal submission of the work plan and certification from the Commission that all of the homes have been inspected. There was input from some of the residents as to the extent of water they were getting in their basements and the damage it had caused. Mr. Wieland asked if the lines that were severed would be reestablished as part of the work plan. Mr. Rabideau stated that it was not part of the work plan to reestablish those lines.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the workshop. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Richard  
Financial Aide

