

**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY EVENING - AUGUST 18, 2009**

PRESENT: Marshall and Barboza

ABSENT: Cordeiro, Parella and Herreshoff

ALSO PRESENT: Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator  
Director of Community Development Williamson  
Public Works Director Serbst  
Kevin McBride, P.E., Caputo & Wick

The Council met in special session for the purpose of receiving information regarding the Town's pending drainage projects on Tuesday evening, August 18, 2009 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 o'clock PM.

Council Chairman Marshall noted for the record the absence of a quorum. Since the purpose of the meeting was purely informational, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at its outset and continued with the discussion for the purposes of obtaining information only.

Documents Received:

- (Public Works Director Serbst) Diagram of drainage system; corner of Thames and State Streets
- Advanced Pipe Inspection pipe product brochure
- Drainage Committee Project Status report

Town Administrator Mederos reported that the Drainage Committee membership includes Seraphin DaPonte, Public Works Director Serbst, Town Administrator Mederos, Director of Community Development Williamson and Councilman Barboza.

Town Administrator Mederos provided the list status report and noted that subject list includes several already completed projects. Town Administrator Mederos noted that the completion of these projects constitutes a major accomplishment since the annual expenditure for same has been minimal at approximately \$20,000 per year.

**St. Mary's Cemetery Drainage**

A discussion ensued regarding the St. Mary's Cemetery drainage line. Councilman Barboza noted that his recusal concerning this

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matter remains in force. Councilman Barboza excused himself from the Council table for this discussion.

Town Administrator Mederos noted that Mr. McBride has posed a solution to the problem and that the technology available to implement the solution is proprietary to only a small group of companies.

Mr. McBride explained that several sections of the existing corrugated pipe have collapsed and that the recommended solution was to excavate the area, replace with a new corrugated material and "re-sleeve" the pipe.

Mr. McBride noted that a good deal of the cost of the repair comes from the need to dewater the pipe via pumps when the new materials are installed.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know how long the process will take to complete with Mr. McBride responding that this process will take approximately two (2) weeks total.

Mr. McBride also noted the need to repair the outfall with rip-rap. He informed the Council that he will meet with CRMC regarding any permit issues.

A discussion ensued regarding the life expectancy of the recommended product with Mr. McBride reporting this at fifty (50) years.

Council Chairman Marshall asked Public Works Director Serbst if he was "on board" with this solution with Mr. Serbst responding that he found it to be acceptable.

Town Administrator Mederos stated her plan to place this matter on next week's agenda with Public Works Director Serbst noting that the timing of the project is critical.

Rev. Barry Gamache asked to know if the Town was still considering relocation of the stream flow with Mr. McBride explaining that the permit process to relocate the stream would be prohibitive.

Mr. McBride continued that the proposed plan is the most cost-effective, environmentally cautious, and efficient solution to the problem in the cemetery.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know the permit authority with Mr. McBride noting that the project north of Chestnut Street would be permitted by the Department of Environmental Management and that portion south of Chestnut Street would be permitted by the Coastal Resources Management Council.

**State Street Dock Area Drainage**

(Councilman Barboza returned to the table)

Mr. McBride noted that the drainage system in this area was very complex and referred to a diagram as prepared by Public Works Director Serbst showing several collapsed sections of pipe. He also noted that the area contains multiple utility lines etc.

Public Works Director Serbst explained that there is further concern that this is a busy intersection and that traffic will be disrupted in the area a needed repairs are made.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know the anticipated materials with Mr. McBride responding that the plan is to use HDPE (high-density polyethylene) piping.

Public Works Director Serbst indicated that the repair should be considered an emergency status since the road continues to collapse and must be continually repaired.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know if a cost estimate was available with Mr. McBride stating that he was preparing same.

**Tanyard Brook Drainage**

Town Administrator Mederos reported that the permits for this project will take another year to be approved.

**Drainage "Package" projects**

- **Jones Avenue**

Mr. McBride reported that this is a relatively simple design including shallow basins for removal of ice-causing drainage. He further reported that the CRMC has approved this project already.

- **Deborah Avenue**

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Mr. McBride reported that this project is designed and ready to be built.

- **Terrace Drive**

A discussion ensued regarding Terrace Drive with Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Neves of 29 Terrace Drive explaining their drainage issues, noting these seem to be attributable to a large residence built next-door to them. They noted that there was no apparent drainage issue prior to the construction of the large residence.

Mr. McBride agreed to investigate the possibility of a re-design of the drainage system based upon the Neves's information.

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Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk