


Bob E. Carl L. Jay S. B. Bilotta

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
SEWER COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION
5/25/10

The Sewer Commission met in Executive Session in the Jos. Bilotta Meeting Room, Town Hall as scheduled with the Board of Selectmen: Paula Bertram, Steven deBettencourt, Ernie Sund, Thomas Alonzo, David Matthews; and Kerry Speidel, Town Manager.

Present: Bob Ebersole, Carl Luck, Jay Simeone, Butch Bilotta, Barb Lefebvre- Business Manager. Absent: Dave MacDonald. Guests: Steve Pederson & Fran Yanuskiewicz of Weston & Sampson.

Bob Ebersole opened the Regular Meeting at 6:08 PM and requested a motion to enter into Executive Session with the Board of Selectmen for the **purpose of discussion of the Fitchburg Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA)**. Butch Bilotta made the motion, Carl Luck seconded. A roll call vote was taken to open the Executive Session: Butch Bilotta, yes; Jay Simeone, yes; Carl Luck, yes; and Robert Ebersole, yes. Chairman Ebersole noted that an executive session was necessary as an open meeting could have a detrimental effect on the negotiation position for the Town.

Members of both boards present and the representatives of Weston & Sampson, engaged to enable negotiations with Fitchburg, discussed the current draft of the IMA provided by Weston & Sampson, dated 5/25/10 (attached). The goal of this session is to put together a revised draft which gives the Town more flexibility. Fran still recommended that any draft be reviewed by legal counsel prior to presentation to Fitchburg. Issues are known to exist with Inflow/ Infiltration (I/I) and the use of meters to determine usage. Discussion progressed through the addition of interim reviews to the IMA, when to go to meter readings versus current water usage method and the concern with double paying if we pay for Capital Improvements while on the meter usage method. Also discussed was the \$1.65 administrative fee that had been incorporated into prior agreement and as a negotiating item for the new IMA. Sunset clause has been removed, since we are basically paying for capacity by investing in the John Fitchburg Hwy improvement project. Section 14.2 breaks out the need for 252,000 gpd. Section 16 notes a new connection charge method, which we expect can be reduced by inspection charge of \$400 to \$1700.

Issues to be reviewed and determined were:
The \$1.65 admin. fee and what it was meant to cover,
Capital costs and what the Town is actually paying for,
Pro's & con's for including Tri-Town

Those present determined that, once we had been able to gather more information, the two boards would meet again.

The Commission voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn Executive Session at 7:00 PM: Butch Bilotta, yes; Jay Simeone, yes; Carl Luck, yes; and Robert Ebersole, yes.

Respectfully submitted,


Barb Lefebvre