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# MINUTES

## Friday, March 25, 2011 - 5:00 P.M. Special Meeting

Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Council Members Marnie Shaul, Alan Proctor, Bill Farley & Clerk-Treasurer Josh Russin began the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Council Members Cathy Pickar and Barbara Zeughauser were absent. A quorum requires three or more members to be in attendance.

### WSSC Sewer Line Replacement Project

Clerk-Treasurer Josh Russin gave an update regarding WSSC's request to replace a sewer line along the 4700 block of Cumberland and the 5800 block of Warwick Place. The Town has received several letters, e-mails and has held multiple meetings with representatives from WSSC and their contractors regarding this proposal. The Town initially received notice on Tuesday, March 15th about the project and WSSC originally wanted to start the project on March 14th. WSSC cited a consent decree between the utility, the EPA and MDE as well as the age of the infrastructure as the reason this project had to move forward. The Town met with WSSC and the contractor on March 16th. After the meeting WSSC provided the Town with additional information regarding the project on March 18th. The Town held an additional meeting on March 23rd. According to WSSC, the affected households, including the school were informed about the project on March 17th. WSSC's Construction Manager for the Systems Inspection Group, Russell Russell has agreed to the conditions outlined in the motion.

Based on the conversations between the Town, WSSC and their contractor, Council Member Farley **moved** to approve WSSC and its contractor(s) the right to complete the project with the following conditions:

1. Approve WSSC's request to conduct compaction tests to ensure compliance to 95% requirement.
2. Approve WSSC's Phase I request to replace 377 linear feet of six inch in diameter sewer pipe with eight inch pipes along Cumberland Avenue (from the top of the hill to Warwick Place) including lateral connections for the following houses: 4718, 4715, 4712, 4711, 4709 4707 & 4701. The Town approves moving the sewer line two feet to the right (if looking uphill) from its current position to avoid impacting Town Tree #48, a 30-inch dbh willow oak tree. If the line cannot be moved due to grade and flow issues, WSSC will consult with the Town regarding the impact the project may have on Town Tree #48.
3. Approve WSSC's Phase II request to replace 483 linear feet of six inch in diameter sewer pipe with eight inch pipes along Warwick Place (from Cumberland Avenue to Dorset Avenue) including lateral connections for the following houses: 5812, 5811, 5810, 5808, 5806 5803 & 5801. The contractor must verify the locations for the following cross connections, 5801 & 5803 Warwick Place before laterals may be replaced and installed. The decision to proceed with the replacement and installation of the lateral connectors for 5801 & 5803 Warwick Place will be based upon an agreement between the Town and WSSC and or its contractor after the Town Arborist has reviewed the route of the lateral lines.
4. Approve Phase III allowing WSSC and its contractor to return after the line replacement is complete and mill one-inch of the street's surface and resurface with one and one-half

inch of bituminous concrete on the 4700 block of Cumberland Avenue and on the 5800 block of Warwick Place. The utility trench will be compacted at 95% and capped with a 12-inch of bituminous concrete base material (asphalt) with three 4-inch lifts that overlap the utility trench by two feet on each side. WSSC will return and mill off an inch of asphalt and replace any damaged concrete curbs at the end of the project, any concrete Town sidewalks and restore the area as closely as possible to existing conditions.

5. Approve the replacement of five brick manholes with pre-cast manholes.
6. Limit vehicle traffic and parking along Cumberland Avenue through the duration of the project, including the closure of one lane of the road to vehicle traffic and parking during the duration of the project. A second lane along Cumberland Avenue will remain open to local traffic, including school buses. Parking will be prohibited. Approval is contingent upon the use of flaggers, cones and signs.
7. Approve the closure of one lane along Warwick Place to vehicle traffic and parking until the project is completed. A second lane along Warwick Place will remain open to local traffic, including school buses. Approval is based upon the traffic plan submitted by WSSC. Approval is contingent upon the use of flagger's, cones and signs.
8. Approve the installation of the remaining tree protection fencing around Town street trees #44 at 5812 Warwick Place, #46 & #48 at 4712 Cumberland Avenue. The current Town street trees that have tree protection fencing are required to have fencing until the project is completed and certified by the Town Arborist and or the Town Engineer.
9. Approve WSSC and or its contractor's use of two Town Hall parking lot spaces to store equipment after hours and / or left over dirt from the project. If dirt and fill needs to be stored the contractor will install silt fencing around the edge of the parking lot. The dirt will be removed then the project is completed.
10. Approve the construction hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 5 PM and from Saturday from 9 AM through 3 PM. The Town encourages WSSC and its contractor to avoid any road closures between 8 AM to 8:45 AM and from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday to avoid access issues for the elementary school.
11. Approve all phases of the project with the understanding that the total project should take no more than seven weeks after March 28, 2011, weather conditions permitting. WSSC and its contractors may begin the project on March 28, 2011. Town Council approval is based upon the assumption that no Town trees will be removed. If conditions require the removal of a Town tree, WSSC must seek permission from the Mayor and Town Council before a tree is removed.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed 3-0.

Council Member Shaul **moved** to adjourn at 5:11 pm.

Prepared by Josh Russin, Clerk-Treasurer