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**TOWN OF DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
4:30 P. M. Tuesday, September, 6, 2016, Room 206 of Darien Town Hall,
2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT 06820**

ATTENDANCE: Robert Riith, Chairman;
Craig Flaherty, Vice Chairman
Peter Van Winkle;
Rocco Genovese
M. Reese Hutchison

STAFF: Edward L. Gentile Jr., Director, DPW
Darren Oustafine, Assistant Director, DPW

OTHERS: Paul Harris

PUBLIC HEARING

At 4:34 p. m., Chairman Riith opened the public hearing for Settlers Trail & Clocks Lane Sanitary Sewer Extension. Mr. Oustafine stated that the public notice for the first public hearing on Settlers Trail & Clocks Lane Sanitary Sewer Extension was published in a newspaper having general circulation in another town instead of properly being published in a newspaper with general circulation in Darien. He stated that notice of this public hearing has been published in the newspaper with Darien circulation, and that a notice has been mailed to property owners within the proposed project area. Mr. Riith read the letter to property owners into the record.

Mr. Riith confirmed that the public comments from the first public hearing that took place are still in the record. Mr. Flaherty asked if there were any members of the public that wished to come forward and speak. Mr. Paul Harris came forward, and stated that he had nothing further to say on the matter.

**** MR. FLAHERTY MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.
** MR. GENEVESE SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Riith called the meeting to order at 4:40 p. m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2016.

Page 4 - Correct to "Many properties are in trouble with septic systems."

Page 4 - Correct to "...is install and maintain the sewer system."

Page 4 - Correct to "...not consider private matters..."

Page 4 – Correct to "...of potential Sewer Service User Fees for – FY17."

Page 4 – Correct to "Mr. Gentile stated that Five Mile River Pump Station and Seagate Road Pump Station will both need work and are included in current budget and that I/I location and elimination is necessary."

Page 5 – Correct to "...will increase the Reserve Fund by \$70,643 while a rate of \$5.55 would result in an increase to the Reserve Fund of \$185,542."

Page 5 – Correct to "***MR. FLAHERTY MOVED TO KEEP THE RATE/CCF AT \$5.38 PER CCF."

Page 6 – Remove "The sewer will be extended only fifty feet up the road."

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2016 WITH CORRECTIONS.**

**** MR. GENOVESE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MR. HUTCHINSON.)**

SETTLERS TRAIL, CLOCKS LANE, SEWER EXTENSION

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE SETTLERS TRAIL, CLOCKS LANE, SEWER EXTENSION.**

**** MR. GENOVESE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MR. FLAHERTY.)**

DAIEN SEWER COMMISSION 2017 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Riith reviewed the proposed Regular Meeting Schedule for 2017. Mr. Flaherty requested that the January 3rd meeting be changed to January 10th. All commissioners and staff agreed that January 10th is an acceptable change.

**** MR. HUTCHINSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE 2017 AS AMENDED.**

**** MR. FLAHERTY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oustafine reported on 68 Salem Straits. There was a problem between the pool house and the main house. He stated that they gave us a map and we inspected the map. We came up with language to report on the land records referencing that map, which would give prospective buyers of this property advanced notice that we had nothing to do with the inspection, and that we make no claims that it was

done correctly, or to code. It is in Town Council's hands now per the directive of the Sewer Commission. He stated that once we get that approved, we will send it to the owners Council. If they agree, we will have the owner of the property sign it, and we'll record it on the land records as a disclaimer.

Mr. Oustafine stated that he does not have the Locust Hill information on costs yet, and that he plans to have it next month.

Mr. Oustafine stated that in regards to Settler's Trail, we sent out, on September 1st, proposals to four qualified firms. We asked that the firms get back to us by September 16th, so at the October meeting, we will have some information to report to the commission in regards to the result of that. Mr. Gentile stated that the notices sent to the firms could easily have been pulled back if the vote today resulted in not going forward with the project.

Mr. Gentile stated that the sewer bills will be going out on September 28th. We are anticipating that the two last pumps will be delivered in October.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

- ** MR. FLAHERTY MOVED TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED ON THE AGENDA.**
- ** MR. HUTCHINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO ADJORN.**
- ** MR. FLAHERTY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services

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