

TOWN OF SOUTHINGTON
Conservation Commission
Inland Wetland & Watercourses Agency

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SOUTHINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 14th, 2011
4:30 PM

The Southington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held a Special Joint Meeting on Wednesday, September 14th, 2011 to appear on the Southington Sewer Committee Agenda to discuss the West Side Sewer Interceptor proposal. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Cmmsrs. DeMello, Borowy and Cabata. Alternate Cmmsr. Post was seated for Cmmsr. DeMello. A quorum was achieved. Also present was David Lavallee, Southington Environmental Planner. Chair Albanese called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Chairman Dobbins of the Southington Sewer Committee gave an overview of the project stating that it is conceptual at this point and discussions with the Forestville Fishing Club have occurred. The preliminary route that was directly adjacent to Grannis Pond was not favored by the FFC. The current two alternatives have been the culmination of a year's work taking into consideration the need to reduce possible impacts. At this point in time the Alternative Western Route is preferred by the Sewer Committee. Commissioner Dennis Palmieri inquired about the flexibility of the route, whether slight modifications to a route could be made given field conditions. Sewer Commissioner Brumback stated that given its conceptual nature at this point, further minimization of impacts can be achieved once a route is chosen and further in-depth design occurs. Chair Albanese asked Chairman Dobbins if an RFP for the engineering study or an alternatives analysis has been done. The Town Engineering Dept. will provide direction thereto once a specific route is agreed upon. It is likely that it will be 3-7 years until actual permitting is sought. Commissioner Post asked Chairman Dobbins about the economic drivers of the project, as it may be phased. He went on to ask about potential natural resource impacts. Sewer Commissioner Romano reiterated that the original route was not preferred by the FFC as it was too close to Grannis Pond and its associated wetlands; this came to light early on and this is why the Inland Wetlands Agency is present at the outset to assist in taking a look at the big picture of route impacts. Sewer Commissioner Palmieri indicated that a walk of the Forestville Fishing Club was conducted and a further western route was put forth as a result. It is the Sewer Committee's consensus that at this point the Alternative Western Route is preferred. Chair Albanese asked Chairman Dobbins if this project has been engineered taking into consideration a build-out of the service area; Sewer Commissioner Brumback indicated that the rezoning of the northwestern quadrant including West Street and the

Industrial/Business uses is the prime area to be served by this project. The Mount Vernon Road project and associated areas served, adjacent College and many residential homes will benefit from this as well. Chair Albanese asked if there was a State Sewer Authority that needed to review the project; Asst. Town Engineer Jim Grappone stated that the Plan of Conservation and Development indicated the needs base and feasibility of the project. The Army Corps. of Engineers will likely be a part of the project's final review along with the State's Natural Diversity Database program. Commissioner Post asked if Bristol could share on the project; Mr. Grappone stated that some type of agreement may be executed in the future. Chair Albanese asked if the capacity design/need may change 20 years out- given the build-out projections and the current sewer treatment plant's design, it is not likely to change. Chair Albanese further asked about mitigation for impacts; Mr. Lavallee indicated that a majority of restoration will be in-kind and the soil profile/layers can be put back if separated by horizons. At this point in time no possible rights of way acquisitions were explored. Chair Albanese would like to set up a site walk at the Forestville Fishing Club to view the likely areas of impact. A Soil Scientist will be needed to give a report on wetland resource impacts. Once a final design is completed, approval will be sought from all necessary town boards. The Inland Wetlands Agency agreed with the Sewer Committee's consensus that the Alternate Western Route should be pursued through to final design. A motion to adjourn the IW Meeting was made by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Palmieri with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.