

COAKLEY UPDATES FROM BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

➤ Monday 05.01.2017

The Town Administrator updated the Board on the recent meeting with the City of Portsmouth and Underwood Engineering. The meeting was a continuation from the prior week with the City of Portsmouth. Brian Goetz, City of Portsmouth, and Keith Pratt, Underwood Engineers, were in attendance as was Chair Morgan. It was initially thought it would be a small engineering pre-package with documentation to be included with a letter from the Town to the legislative body and Senator Morse. After discussion, it was decided that Greenland will be doing the initial draft of the letter. It will be given to B. Goetz for review, and then back to Greenland for final review. Underwood Engineering will do the work plan showing the water line layout, the service area, and the static pressure grade line in a plan view.

The scope will be approximately \$3,000 and the request will include funding for the next level of the engineering evaluation. The scope will address the water quality, pressure, fire flow, and constructability. They will provide a brief technical memorandum recapping the work in an executive summary format (when it's presented for review for the funds, a few paragraphs will be included that summarize the project). The \$3,000 cost will be split between Greenland and Portsmouth. It should be ready within two weeks and then will be sent to Senator Morse. Funding for the Town's portion will be from the warrant article for Professional Fees passed at the March Town Meeting.

Chair Morgan noted it's been difficult to find an environmental attorney who doesn't have a conflict of interest with any of the involved parties. Several names were given to the Town Administrator, and a Request for Proposals has been sent out. The Town Administrator noted that the list of responsible parties is very long.

➤ Monday 04.17.2017

Chair Morgan, the Town Administrator and P. Sanderson had another productive on Friday, April 14, 2017 with the City of Portsmouth, Senator Martha Fuller-Clark, and Rep. Messmer. The Town Administrator updated that Portsmouth provided a spreadsheet with approximate numbers to ballpark doing the emergency section, half of the section or the project in its entirety. There will be a meeting with Underwood Engineers, the City of Portsmouth and the Town Administrator this week. A letter will be drafted that will be signed by the Mayor of Portsmouth and the Greenland Board of Selectmen requesting the State fund the entire project through MTBE money based on an SRF reimbursement. It will be requested that the State contribute 75% of the project; 12.5% (each) would come from Greenland and Portsmouth. They are trying to structure it as an SRF program; in the past, payments have started one year after substantial completion. Completion is expected to take 18 to 24 months; payment would start three years after that. A five year repayment plan could be requested. Payments could be done through the Town's Operating Budget, with seven or eight annual payments, as water line expansion.

P. Sanderson added that they looked at going from Post Road serving residents along the Breakfast Hill Road corridor, including the side neighborhoods, continuing to Rte. 1 and looping to the Portsmouth existing facility (going through Rye to loop up). It would improve the water pressure for the entire line. P. Sanderson reiterated this is in the conceptual stages; they were trying to get a ballpark based on serving everyone on that corridor and looping back. He continued that they also asked, based on

Senator Morse's comments about roadways being torn up for multiple purposes, about the cost to have gas and sewer lines installed at the same time even if they're not connected to an infrastructure.

The Town Administrator noted that the money is available now. They want to be one of the first communities in line to receive funding. Underwood Engineers is going to provide the back up for the letter from Portsmouth and Greenland; the plan is to have it submitted within two weeks. P. Sanderson added that Underwood was the good choice to provide the technical backup because they have done a great deal of work for Portsmouth on their water and sewer engineering, and they also completed a comprehensive study of Greenland's roads recently. That should reduce the time for a new engineer to become familiar with the basic information and data.

This will be fast-tracked over the next few weeks, hoping to get in line for the funds. Chair Morgan and the Town Administrator felt huge progress was being made. Again, it was stressed this phase was only conceptual and nothing was set in stone.

The Town Administrator has spoken to Rath, Young and Pignatelli regarding the RFP for legal assistance. They are checking for any possible conflicts of interest; there may be some that can be resolved and waived.

P. Sanderson stated that the good news is that the conversation they wanted to have is occurring. There is mutual interest and a way to resolve the issue. He added that there will also be challenges to work through and it will be a job for the Planning Board.