

Town of Hingham



Hingham Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2016

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:22pm in the Central South Hearing Room, Hingham Town Hall.

Commissioners:

Robert Higgins, Chairman; and Kirk Shilts

Town Officials:

Judith Sneath, Marc Lucas, Jerry Seelen, Dick Cook and Sue Sullivan, South Hingham Study Group; Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer; and Emily Wentworth, Senior Town Planner

Agenda:

The agenda for the meeting was established by the South Hingham Study Group and accepted by the Sewer Commission.

South Hingham Study Group, Wastewater Report:

The Sewer Commission met with the South Hingham Study Group to discuss a draft report on wastewater infrastructure at the South Hingham commercial and industrial areas around the Derby St/ Route 3 interchange.

Mr. Higgins said the Study Group's report does not reflect the recommendations of the Sewer Commission. He said the report contains only selected information from the Town's draft Comprehensive Wastewater Master Plan (CWMP) investigative findings. He said the CWMP has not been finalized, and presently there is no definitive sewer system plan for South Hingham.

Dr. Shilts said the public will not get an accurate understanding of the wastewater needs and conditions in the South Hingham study area from the Study group's report as currently written - where it contains information that is incomplete, unrealistic or irrelevant. He said the report is void of any discussion of on-site septic management information.

Dr. Shilts also said any discussion of wastewater must be coupled with the Town's water supply because the regulatory requirements and constraints between the two are interlinked. Ms. Sneath said the Study Group would not take-up the matter of water supply-related issues for some time due to other factors.

Mr. Fernandes suggested the report could contain a matrix built around wastewater infrastructure and regulatory tiers rather than focusing on various arbitrary build-out scenarios.

Dr. Shilts suggested the Commission could help the Study Group in editing the wastewater section of its report. The Study Group asked the Commission to provide its edits by the end of June for its next meeting on July 12th. Mr. Higgins was unsure if the Commission would meet prior to its next scheduled meeting on July 5th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk Shilts, D.C., Member