Chairman James Sima; Justin Adinolfi and David Schrumm
Others Present: Councilor Tim White and Michael Ecke
Staff: Town Manager Michael A. Milone; Joseph Michaelangelo, PW Director;
Vincent Masciana, BOE; Suzanne Simone, Environmental Coordinator.

1. **ROLL CALL**
Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Sima moved the Rosemary Lane Project to current status on the agenda.

5. **ROSEMARY LANE PROJECT** (moved to current status on the agenda)
In 2008 this project was formed, and Mr. Michaelangelo reported that in the capital project there was a backyard drainage project for this area of town. There was a chronic flooding problem with water running over land to the backyards, with a pond encroaching on people’s property. The capital project put pipe in the ground to collect water and dry it out. The reaches went from North Brooksvale Road at King Road to the backyards, terminating in a pair of catch basins in Rosemary Lane. This drainage area was pointed out by Mr. Michaelangelo on the map. The Town put in catch basins and manholes. Rosemary Lane was in poor condition the last time it was paved prior to 2008, but it could have been a sewer project in 1974-75.

Mr. Sima pointed out the two catch basins referred to, and the dip that is evident.

The process for re-doing Rosemary Lane had the town engineer taking a series of photos to determine the profile, and Mr. Michaelangelo said the road was dead flat. A decision was made that there was nothing salvageable on the road. The road was to be pulverized in its entirety; the asphalt was pulverized into the process base; there was grading; two inches of pavement installed. The contractor, Tilcon, pulverized it and graded it, and the engineering technician set stakes to be used, and the road was put back at about 4 inches over 100 feet. The balance was to not change the road substantially because of the existing properties, driveways, and meeting the other roads. This work was done in 2008. There were some spots which were less than acceptable so pockets of water were trapped. The contractor tried to alleviate this by keying up the pavement, getting some of the bird baths out of there. This was also done on Peck Lane and worked with the problem.
Following this, other measures were tried to address the concerns of property owners. Originally, the sidewalk to the Setter house was paved half way, and there was dissatisfaction with that. The driveway was re-paved in 2009. In front of the Staffer house there was an area that did not drain properly and the Town put in a dry well. There was still concern about standing water on the roadway. Another measure was for a surveyor to visit the area, scatter the area with spot elevations to determine where the problems were and find a solution. This was done in late 2009. The solution to the problems were standing dry wells, catch basins installed which can hold hundreds of gallons and they permeate the soil to take any water. In response to concerns about the lawns planted there was re-landscaping done on three properties.

Mr. Sima concurred that this explanation was what was told to him by residents.

Mr. Schrumm asked where the water went before the road was re-paved.

Mr. Michaelangelo said it would eventually go the area behind North Brooksvale.

There is no curbing and Mr. Sima said it ran into the yards.

Mr. Sima said that to look at North Brooksvale and Broadview (North Brooksvale is higher) they drain and would go onto the grass surfaces.

Mr. Sima sees two issues posing a problem. One, curbing put on for the road, with curbing coming in off North Brooksvale, and coming down farther coming in off Broadview the water is coming straight into Rosemary Lane because it is a natural dump off area. With the curbing there it was hoped the water made it down to the catch basins, and it is hard to get water to move on a flat road a long distance. There are driveways in between, and the water flows into driveways because it is easier to flow that way.

Mr. Sima asked how much the road was built up, and he said there is a manhole directly in front of Mr. Pittello’s property, with some masonry work done to this manhole. That would be the answer in how much elevation was done to the road.

In reply, Mr. Michaelangelo said at that manhole he was not sure if it was done with brick or cast iron. There were maps from the 1975 sewer plan, 1992 and 1998 plan and the follow up plan, with all slightly different datum.

Stating he did a site visit, Mr. Sima said it is hard to see in the photos, but the elevation to the houses is relatively flat, and now there are issues with water coming onto the road. He has seen photos taken by residents of the driveways with large puddles in the middle. Other neighbors had a driveway replaced, and in order to get flatness the driveway was pitching to the house, so they put
asphalt up high enough so it is pitching into the siding. He asked if this was an
addition to the house, and was told this was the original house of 60 years.
This is not a new issue to this old neighborhood, and Mr. Schrumm discussed the
pipe in the road, and the State running the pipe to RT 10, which was never done.
He said the pipe got to Rosemary Lane and asked why the water does not go
down this pipe.

On the map, Mr. Sima pointed out the two catch basins.

Before the dry wells were put in, Mr. Michaelangelo said the water did make it to
the basins. The problem was areas where water stood, basically along the
gutter.

Mr. Schrumm said, if he remembers correctly, there is not enough pitch to get
from a point (on the map) to the Mill River to be able to get the water out into
someplace else. Now, there is no someplace else.

Mr. Sima said, in the past, there was a swale which ran behind all these yards,
and there have been issues with neighbors trying to block up a swale. With the
pipe these have gone away. With heavy rain there is not enough pitch, there is
not enough curbing, and water was making it into the driveways.

Mr. Michaelangelo said this is why the dry wells were installed, to put the water
into the ground water table, to tie up to the drainage system.

Mr. Adinolfi asked if additional dry wells could be installed to deal with the
remaining water problems.

On the map, Mr. Michaelangelo pointed out where a piping system can be
installed to connect to the North Brooksvale line. But, that would tear up
driveways and lawns. This is the substandard, an 8 inch perforated pipe at half a
percent, which is not what is typically put in a road.

Mr. Milone said it appears that the dry wells are doing what they were intended to
do.

Now, we have created these flat driveways, and Mr. Sima said the water comes
off them. The issue now is that the water coming down the curbing has been
arrested, but the water coming off the roof is onto a flat driveway, and cannot
migrate at a rate fast enough to keep water away from the home. This whole
thing is a Catch 22.

Mr. Sima noted that a catch basin was done on either side of a driveway
(Pittello); a catch basin on each side of the Setter driveway and another one
further up to arrest the water coming up Broadview; and a catch basin near the
O’Donnell house.
The committee looked at the map and held a discussion on the drainage system of the Town and the State. Mr. Michaelangelo explained about tying into the State system which has a higher pipe, and said this has dried out the back yard as well as could be expected.

Mr. White has concerns about the road paved in 2008 and the dry wells installed in 2009. There are flooding issues at this point, and he asked if best practices are in place, and about putting in curbs, the environmental impacts counter-balancing road maintenance. He said putting in curbs will funnel the water into the drywell. We are spending more money than if we have pulverized and moved the material and not put in curbs.

According to Mr. Michaelangelo material may have been moved but he is not sure this is a fact.

Since this a Town project Mr. Sima wants to make sure we are not making it worse for the neighbors, and paving the roads should make it better not worse. He wants to come up with a solution; the dry wells work fine; and he wants a remediation to the driveway problems without ice buildup and injuries in the winter because of standing water being frozen.

Mr. Schrumm said that the problem goes back to the 1950’s and the Planning and Zoning Commission at that time. The question is that water is running off the road and going somewhere, into several yards. If the road was a few inches higher without curbs he said water will still run off into other yards...now it is going into dry wells. The ultimate solution is connection to the pipe.

Mr. Sima said another issue is the flat and low elevations, about 6 inches difference.

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Carol Setter, 57 Rosemary Lane, said that in 2008 when the pipes were put in a neighbor said half of the Lane would be done because of the catch basins stopping at the end of Staffer’s property. She spoke with public works staff and was told half of the road would be done because of a State grant, and left over money would be used to repair the road. Then, money was found to do the whole road. She asked about sidewalks and curbs and was told no sidewalks and curbs, but they did get curbs. After the road was put in a man from Tilcon was walking the street and she approached him about the road. This man told her it was not a good idea to put curbs on the road. When the surveyor was in the area, he asked about taking the curbs away, and Mr. Michaelangelo did not respond, so the surveyor said he guessed that means “no”. Regarding the patch on the road, Tilcon found a problem on the properties, and the patch was fixed. She was told there was a 10 year guarantee on this patch. For her driveway, it was 2.5 inches above the road, never had water, and there was a small area of
water on the street. The island has been there since 1952 and her father took care of this island until 2003, and then another man took care of it. The Town only took care of this island two times since 1952, and she asked about the trees being removed. She did not have a new driveway put in; they cut an area in front of her garage to get a pitch; and coated the driveway with a thin layer, and ran out of asphalt. Ms. Setter has big bird baths in front of her garage now. She was promised no more problems with the driveway, and now has a major problem. The day her driveway was to be set to be done, she could not accommodate it, but was told by the worker doing the driveway that it had to be done that day. The gutters have been there for 59 years without leak problems but Mr. Michaelangelo blamed her gutters for the water problems. Now, water fills up in front of her driveway and she has to brush it out or it has to evaporate. The water coming out of the drains and rain water makes a u-turn going down the side of her driveway. Ms. Setter had no problem with her driveway before, and because it was not measured right by Mr. Thatcher. Her driveway is level now, still gets water at the bottom, and she wishes she did not get water near her garage because it can be a hazard. She was told if the driveway has to be ripped up the vinyl will have to be cut, and her driveway has been damaged. Ms. Setter stated she did not have a brand new driveway, and Mr. Michaelangelo told her there is nothing wrong with it, and it is better than before. She differs with this statement because she has photos of her driveway before and all that was done. When her driveway was cut, Mr. Thatcher came down, and got the pitch with a string and yard stick, which was not the proper way to pitch the driveway. Ms. Setter said the people in this area of Town did not ask for these problems, waited 30+ years for a new road, and it looks like it is 50 years old, is ugly and ridiculous. The dirt was sand and rock not top soil and it grew crab grass, and the soil was removed with top soil planted. When the dry wells were put in a soil sample was done, and Ms. Setter wonders if they took the soil away because this is not the soil on the property now. With the dry wells holding 5000 gallons of water she will have water in her property, and has never had basement water. She asked if the water level will rise, and where were the soil samples taken.

Mr. Michaelangelo said there were no soil samples taken. The soil maps were checked for the area which did support septic systems at one time. Water in the dry wells will not get to the basements.

The water that comes off the lawns is the same water infiltrated into the dry wells and Mr. Sima said there is not a net gain of water.

At the last rain Ms. Setter said the 2nd one had less water than the one in front of her property. All the residents wanted was a new road, and the new problems have nothing to do with people being fussy about their road. They want to get their property back to the way it was before, and it is now a mess.
Mike Staffer, 43 Rosemary Lane, said the road is 2 to 3 inches lower now. He has the worst pitch on the road from the garage to the road, and his concerns have not been acknowledged. The island is gone; there are dry wells; his driveway will never meet the road again because the road is heightened; and there is a dry well on his lawn. He has concerns about someone falling due to the little dip along the lawn where the drain is located. During heavy rain the water was jumping the lip and coming into his driveway and lawn, and the lawn was a swamp. The dry well is not big enough to handle the overflow coming in from the road. He has tried to work with the town to handle the problem. Not much can be done for him because the road is too high. The road looks ugly. In looking at the finished project the road looks terrible and Mr. Staffer is disappointed in the way things turned out. He has a dry well by his mailbox and in back of the mailbox on his lawn.

Elizabeth Jasiorowski, 45 Broadview Road, stated she does not want curbing on her road, has problems with the drainage on her property, and the road looks ugly. She said curbing will make all the water back up and not drain. She invested money in granite walks around her driveway and property, and before the Town touches this they must talk to her.

Michael O'Donnell, 260 North Brooksvale Road, was present for this agenda item.

When putting in the curbs Mr. Staffer said the curbs were crushed by heavy equipment, and they are a mess.

Mr. Michaelangelo stood by the 2008 construction and design of the road. The after work was done based on complaints from the residents.

This road is low and Mr. Schrumm said when roads are rebuilt, with the argument of curbs or no curbs. Curbs are put in because of storm drains at the low point with the pipe taking the water somewhere else. The problem with this area of Town is there is no place to take the water.

If you walk the property Mr. Sima said there was a lot of fill brought in, and there was a lot of wicking or water. There is a small swale on the northwest corner of Rosemary Lane, now curbing is there, and the house on the corner sits a little higher. Mr. Sima said his concern is that everything is addressed so the houses are not hurt by the road repair work.

Town Manager Milone informed the committee that he has never seen anyone in Public Works devote as much time and energy and responsiveness as has been given to these residents. Staff and he have spent countless hours in this area of Town on the road issues than in the other 10 miles of roads which have been done. The people cannot say that staff was not out there, regularly, to respond and find solutions.
(Councilman Ecke entered the meeting at 8:40 p.m.)

3. SIDEWALK REPAIR PLANNING
There is a list of projects and Mr. Sima noted there is $200,000 in the capital budget for sidewalk work. We want to make sure to do as much repairing as possible before starting new sidewalks. Mr. Milone has created a list of sidewalks in need of repair to be reviewed by the Council, and possibly have Councilors drive through Town and look at these sidewalks.

Mr. Michaelangelo noted there are some new sidewalks on the list, and if the preference is not to go into these areas (Lanyon Drive, section of Oak Avenue) one of the battles is preserving the status quo. Most of the sidewalks are replacement; some are easier than others; and the list identifies priority sidewalks. Far View Drive does not get much use but the sidewalks are 50 years old and must be repaired, and this road is being done so doing the sidewalks makes sense. There are some areas for Town Center area, brick pavers, and the section along the parklet (getting funds from Yankee Gas) will use up the rest of the appropriation. The brick paver sidewalks are expensive, $15 per sq.ft. Other sidewalks can be done more quickly, spending much less money than the brick pavers will cost.

If we are using up all the money on the brick sidewalk repair Mr. Sima asked if it is worth doing all this work on an expensive sidewalk when others need to be done such as Long Hill Road. This sidewalk has 2 inch gaps and is dangerous. Mr. Sima thinks money should be spent cutting a few feet out of the sidewalks in this area.

Mr. Schrumm said that the money available should be spent fixing what we have and in looking at the list, Lanyon Drive is not a priority because people do not want to shovel sidewalks. There was a public push over by Higgins Road for sidewalks. The list should be re-prioritized for replacement first and then with money left over do new sidewalks. There was consideration to complete the section in the center of Town all the way down Route 10.

A question was raised by Mr. Sima about the Oak Avenue sidewalk by Birchwood Condo units reducing the need for any school buses.

Mr. Masciana said he would have to look at this and explore it further.

On Oak Avenue there are few houses from Higgins to the Birchwood Condo complex, and Mr. Schrumm asked if the condo residents want sidewalks in order to get to the bike trail.

Mr. Michaelangelo said if there was a connection in this area it could go to the trail.
Mr. Sima said some of the sidewalks on the list will be addressed before the winter season, and some will start with spring construction.

Mr. Michaelangelo said they would be started in the spring with the new capital appropriation.

There is time to rearrange this list and Mr. Milone said decisions do not have to be made on the sidewalks now. We want to finish what we already have.

Mr. Schrumm commented on the brick sidewalk in front of Town Hall which was installed when Town Hall was renovated. Brick pavers stand up to more wear and tear with the same look as bricks.

The five foot sidewalk is only in the center of Town.

4. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW
During the capital budget process Mr. Milone said that Mr. Michaelangelo gave him a list of roads for chip sealing next year and those to be paved. This information does not change. Other information requested was about the pavement management index, and Mr. Michaelangelo put it from low to high and annotated what has been done to date.

Mr. Michaelangelo reviewed the information which is a snapshot of what has been done in the last two years to make a dent in the pavement program. This is how previous and future work is planned. Some areas not addressed to date include Thorpe Lane (back entrance to the high school). The worst collection of roads in Town are in the Avon Boulevard area, around Dodd Middle School and Strathmore Drive.

It was noted by Mr. Sima that anything scored below 50 has been addressed except for Timber Lane and Avon Boulevard area of Town. For the roads in progress, he asked if they will be completed this season or next spring.

Mr. Michaelangelo said it is hoped they will be done this construction season. Drainage is being installed on Peck Lane now; it will be pulverized and paved this year; and there are some hurdles to be overcome on Schoolhouse and Sandbank Roads to install drainage and complete this year. Marion Road is being pushed for a pole relocation to get this road done between Huckins and Jarvis Streets. Drainage installation was done on this road in Fall 2009. It is being held up due to the poles and the utility company doing their work.

This list was created at the request of Mr. Sima starting with the lowest scored road and moves its way down to insure work is not done out of order and no one is getting special service in Town to get their road done right away.
There was a brief discussion about trunk roads and Mr. Michaelangelo said most of the through roads have been addressed over the years. He knows there is some desire to spread out the roads and using this survey report as a strict bible we will do a great percentage of roads, with 80% in the Dodd, Avon Boulevard and Strathmore areas and not go anywhere else.

In doing Avon Boulevard, Mr. Michaelangelo said the Town would spend $1.5 million.

Mr. Sima asked for a report on where the road projects are going, what has been completed this season.

Mr. Michaelangelo informed the committee that a check for $132,000 was received from RWA for the section of East Johnson Avenue. A settlement has been finalized with Yankee Gas for the small section of Academy Road and Talmadge Road. This was for $32,000.

On the last page of the survey report, Mr. Milone noted that 30+ miles of road have been done out of the 152 miles.

The chip seal total for 2009-10 is incorrect and Mr. Michaelangelo said it is about 5 miles in 2009 and 4 miles in 2010. The total will be corrected.

8. **BOULDER KNOLL POND** was moved to current status on the agenda. Suzanne Simone was present for this agenda item.

Mr. Milone stated there has been a request from the Lassens that some work be done on the property relative to the pond. Mr. Noewatne and Ms. Simone did a summary of the issues. Ms. Simone did an analysis of the property relative to the pond, talked about the environmental review team which was out there, and recommendations they made. This is before the Council for approval to do anything about this property, and staff does not believe there is anything to be done on this property.

Ms. Simone reviewed the background on the issue and recommendations. She received a request for more information on 810 Boulder Road asking for some Town maintenance on the property. She looked through the information, and in December 2007, there was an extensive review by the environmental review team and it involved the pond. These are man made ponds and likely integral to the agricultural use of the property as a dairy farm. In the conclusion of the report by the professionals they said all of the drainage systems feeding the man made ponds be abandoned and the natural hydrology be allowed to restore. Reasons were stated and they identified the ponds as not providing any recreational use because of their size. In looking at further information there is a capped landfill not too far from this pond, and the HRP never tested this pond because it is not part of a drinking water supply, but is a surface man made pond
insignificant as far as the testing was concerned. The team goes into extensive
detail of their findings and recommendations to abandon this pond. The deed of
the property specifies that anything for maintenance on the house or surrounding
grounds is the full responsibility of the life tenant.

Ms. Simone and Mr. Noewatne put together a summary of the ERT report,
outlining what was specifically requested and provided an estimate of the cost.
The majority of the measures would require review and approval from IWW as
well as hiring an engineer to come up with a plan. Farms are exempt from many
rules and regulations but there is no history on this parcel which have similar
work. There seems to be a conflict between the findings of the ERT as well as
the deed, and the matter was brought to the Town Manager to determine how
staff should proceed.

At this point, Mr. Milone said he thought the committee should review and
discuss this matter. Based on the ERT report and the deed the position of the
Town is to do nothing. He is sure a Councilor will hear from someone to do
something on this matter.

Mr. Sima asked about letting this go and be filled in with silt and vegetation, etc.
and not return to the natural flow of water, and if this will create another wetlands
and choke itself off. Either we keep it as a pond or change it from what it is, and
this is what the report says.

As it is now Ms. Simone said the drainage system is deteriorating and the water
is exiting the pond. If the Town was interested in pursuing this request there may
be some long term goals to be established so when the lifetime use of the
property expires, the public has access to this area. It has a flat driveway, fine
for parking, and if there is pond there without good water quality, banks not
stable and steep…does this create a public health hazard or safety concern.

In the time frame the deed says lifetime use and Mr. Sima said we don’t know
how long the time frame will be. He asked if we do nothing and the pond starts
to choke itself off and becomes a mess, doing nothing is not a good option.

Ms. Simone said the ERT made it sound as if abandoning the pond and letting it
go to its natural hydrology would be the best thing for the eco system of this
entire area.

There is cost involved, and Mr. Sima said it was to repair the outflow of the pond
and do some work on the pond. He asked what the option is for the pond.

Ms. Simone said there is no need to eliminate the pond, but to abandon it. Now it
is being fed because there is a drainage system forcing water to the area. If the
system is abandoned water will not find its way in or find a quicker way out and
forced and contained in a particular area. The water comes from over land flow
and is being channeled through a swale and a sediment pond up higher, feeding
the water into the pond and there is a berm that goes around.

For Broad Brook Pond Mr. Schrumm said the water goes into the public water
supply.

This pond has over land flow and Ms. Simone said it has no connection to Broad
Brook. At some point it may shed that way, as it sometimes slopes off to the
west and may break to go north or south. According to the outline provided
there is some damage to the out flow right now, allowing water to escape more
quickly. They want to tap that off so the water is contained.

If the long term goal is to let this pond go and take its natural course Mr.
Schrumm said we don't have to fix it.

Another aspect is the outflow going too fast and Mr. Sima asked if we suffer the
risk of having the whole pond dumped at once.

6. POTENTIAL SCHOOL GAS LINE HOOK UPS.
Mr. Sima said he requested a memo from the BOE, and one item was money set
aside for gas to the schools, allowing schools to run on both fuel oil or gasoline.
His concern is, with the new gas line going through town, the school system had
some idea of where they are going with this. His question is what school does
the BOE have in mind, and which roads they will go on and how does this fit with
doing all of this road work.

Mr. Masciana said the genesis of the $20,000 encumbrance was part of the
Yankee Gas main line going from Wallingford to Wolcott. There were meetings
held with Yankee Gas. The Norton boilers can run on oil or natural gas, and
there was a plan to provide distribution of gas across Cheshire at some point in
time. The $20,000 was his estimate based on informal conversation.

Mr. Masciana talked with the account executive at Yankee Gas for an update.
The line from Norton would have to run 4,620 feet, at a cost of $504,000 for this
line. This includes the gas company doing all the trenching and road work, and if
the Town provided some of this work the cost would be reduced. This Norton
figure includes some environmental costs which are high. For Doolittle School, it
is 5,200 feet at a cost of $462,700. The school boilers are outfitted only for oil
but can be converted to burn oil and gas at a modest cost. The gas company
wants to work with the Town to increase distribution. The gas company
representative is also talking with the Legionnaires of Christ about their
willingness to participate and this would reduce the cost for Doolittle School.
Zentek Farms was another potential customer. Yankee Gas is not interested too
much in residential distribution because the pay back will be long on these types
of customers.
There is a Tennessee Gas pipe line running through Town (South Brooksvale area), and there is an inquiry to see if the same trench could be used. This could further reduce the costs. Mr. Masciana said if a group of projects were done, including Norton, Cheshire High School and the pool, this would be one large project for Yankee Gas. If the gas usage increases they would look at their rate of return and payback calculations, and could bring the costs down.

Regarding payback, Mr. Schrumm asked who pays the $500,000 for Norton School.

Yankee Gas economics are a 15 year payback and Mr. Masciana said our economics are whether it is worth investing $100,000 today for an incremental decrease in natural gas. The savings to switch to gas is the difference between oil and gas prices at the time. Natural gas is cleaner burning.

Mr. Sima commented on the Town buying gas on the futures market at the beginning of the year so there are no swings when prices move around.

Mr. Adinolfi asked if we are looking at a five year or fifteen year payback.

In response, Mr. Masciana said it is a long time and no one knows where natural gas costs will go. It is not in the five year time frame.

From a cost perspective, Mr. Schrumm said it is not a “no brainer”. When the gas company wants a new customer they come out and evaluate the calculations.

Mr. Sima noted that RT 42 will be done soon, and this will directly connect to Norton. If they come in before the road is constructed, the number will come down.

At this time, Mr. Masciana said the company is interested in large customers. There is an agreement to talk further with Yankee Gas, and they will be getting back to him.

Mr. Sima said that a few years ago there was talk about micro turbines at the high school and having a source of energy feeding the building with gas from the turbines.

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Adam Grippo, Avon Boulevard, asked about the ground swell of residential interest in the gas line, and if this would sway the gas company.

Mr. Masciana said he would discuss this with the gas company representative.
Michael O’Donnell commented on it being years before this will happen. His concern is the drainage on RT 42, putting the pipe in there, and the State saying it cannot put in the drainage because the gas pipe is in the way.

This is a dangerous corner and Mr. Milone said this is a concern. It must be straightened out and made safer.

With a gas line there will be benefits to the school and Mr. Sima said there would be benefits to the residents in the area.

(Councilor White left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.)

7. DRAINAGE ISSUES AT CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS’ LOCKER ROOM

Mr. Sima said that this issue has been around for a long time, and there is water backing up into the locker room which is a health concern. He wants to make sure that we look to someone to increase the size of the pipe. In time, there will be work done on this locker room, but this water issue must be addressed. The pipe must be sufficient to handle the inflow to the pipe and outflow from the building. He asked if the cost for this work would come out of the Town or BOE budget. The work would be done next summer.

Mr. Schrumm hears about having to do something about the locker room at the high school, and this pipe is a piece of the work. The BOE Planning Committee recently toured the school, and Mr. Schrumm asked about old plans for this work.

The committee was informed by Mr. Masciana that the BOE met on August 3rd, and Dennis Rioux, architect, was present to talk about the locker room renovations. $500,000 has been appropriated for high school improvements for the locker room and home ec room. He is trying to understand and get up to speed on the locker room renovations and field house construction. There must be some changes to accommodate civil rights, and this was discussed. The least expensive way to do this is to have ramps come in down the outside steps leading to the lower level, and this means all students would have to use these outside steps since there must be equal access for everyone. There are many technicalities to comply with the law.

For the locker room renovation at $500,000 Mr. Masciana said there are things to be considered. The committee came to a consensus for an RFQ, hire an architect, and get the options. The field house was part of the discussion, and $500,000 is not enough for this project. A 5,000 s.f. building at $300 per s.f. with all ADA and civil rights compliance is $1.5 million. There is no answer on the issues now, and the locker room issues must be decided. The only plans available are those from Mr. Rioux a few years ago.
Mr. Sima reiterated his concerns, stating that field house or no field house, the school system will not leave the space unused…there is a locker room above it…and with water backing up there the issue must be addressed. If there is a pipe causing backup, it must be addressed. He does not see the school system throwing away usable space in a building. According to Mr. Masciana the reason for the backups is the showers and lower level use.

For a while the Council was putting $500,000 into the high school for many projects, and Mr. Schrumm asked if this funding was specifically for the locker rooms.

Mr. Masciana said it was broad in the appropriation description, and it may be more specific in the bond resolution. It is written open ended.

Mr. Schrumm said the resolution says locker room, home ec, hall lockers…so if the money is spent on the locker rooms the other work does not get done.

Mr. Masciana said there is grant money for the home ec work. The locker room has been a problem forever…with a four inch drain line inadequate for 100 kids.

At this time there is no schematic of what the outside drain pipe is and Mr. Sima said no one has put a camera down there to look in there.

Mr. Masciana said he would not say that…but does not know, and will find out. The BOE Planning Committee is planning on doing an RFQ, as this project is in their building plan. It is a project that needs to get moving.

Typically, you determine how much money you want to spend, and Mr. Schrumm said you then hand the project off to the BOE to hire the architect. By Town Charter there should be direction to the design professionals on what we want done, and how much money there is to spend.

There is $500,000 and Mr. Masciana said it must be decided what can be done with it…civil rights compliance, locker room repair, and other options if there is more money. Part one is hiring the architect, and part two is deciding what we want and take it to the next step.

Mr. Sima said this is a safety and health issue, and must be addressed.

Mr. Ecke stated that it has been three years since any work was done on the locker room, with something done to the line.

This area will continue as a locker room area and Mr. Masciana said it must be fixed.
In summary, Mr. Sima said the BOE is looking into repairing the boys' locker room, or looking into a field house which would incorporate locker room.

9. POTENTIAL CELL TOWER AT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.
Mr. Milone explained that the person interested in the location of a cell tower met with him, and one location was inside the fence and one outside the fence. The preference of the Town is the one outside the fence. The person would like to do a test on how high the tower would be, issues people would have, and Mr. Milone has the authority to tell him to go ahead and start. There is some confusion on testing section A, inside the fence, although the preferred area is outside the fence.

Mr. Sima said they are probably looking at a stable ground area if a crane goes up a few hundred feet.

There is a hillside north and Mr. Milone said the farther away they get from the treatment facility the higher the tower must be to get the signal. Attorney Johnson will look at the agreement, and a notice will be published for the public to see the area for the proposed tower. AT&T would be the owner of the tower. At the police department tower there is co-location, with the Town sharing in the revenue with the company that put up the tower. For the WWTP tower the Town only wants revenue, not ownership.

10. LINEAR PARK EXTENSION
Mr. Milone summarized this project stating there is $330,000 sitting with the DOT for the Cornwall to West Main portion of the trail. The Council asked Mr. Milone to discuss with DOT the possible reallocation of this funding, and it can be reallocated. A letter was written by Mr. Milone to DOT on July 30th reiterating all the things to be followed. On September 9th, DOT responded and stated Mr. Milone’s letter accurately represented what had to be done. DOT is saying they want to make sure there is a beginning and ending on a natural road crossing, and the ability to be independently utilized so there is access. DOT also requires a cost estimate from the Council, and a resolution indicating how the money would be used in terms of what other portion of the trial the funds would be used for.

It was found out today from DEP that in addition to the $330,000 from DOT designated funds, there is a DEP grant for the Cornwall to West Main portion of the trial. Mr. Milone said that to receive this money ($250,000) Cheshire would have to be under contract by February 2011 to proceed with the construction and funds must be spent by 2013. A resolution would be needed to finalize the contract and sent back to DEP. The West Main to Jarvis section of the trail was estimated to be $2.7 million. There cannot be a trail to nowhere so there must be a road designation. The money can be reallocated with designation of the
section of the trail and the cost, with passage of a Council resolution confirming these facts.

Mr. Schrumm commented on the problem with the original estimates at $900,000 and now it is $2.7 million. Either we spend planning money or the State money for design.

If the money is spent before being allocated, Mr. Milone said the money could be lost...i.e. reallocate the money for West Main to Jarvis.

There is planning money, and Mr. Schrumm asked why we can’t go to an engineer and get the cost estimates from one street to another. In the Jarvis area there is State land promised to the Town. It would be a tremendous amount of money to do from Cornwall to West Main, and this is an ugly stretch of land. An alternate is to come up Willow Street. If the Dalton stretch is the only part not done for the trail it would be a problem. In looking at the aerials from West Main to Jarvis, Mr. Schrumm said many people would be picked up who want to use the trail. The alternate is to come down from Southington to West Johnson Avenue. More money is needed for the project. But, the alternative is to get the road bed down, and not do the amenities such as fencing, lining, etc.

Mr. Milone advised that the DOT wants Cheshire to act by the end of the year. To get a better number he can pursue this with Milone and MacBroom. It is not clear if the $2.7 million is a solid number. Tom Sheil could come to a meeting and discuss the project and cost estimates.

For the West Main to Jarvis stretch of the trail, there are many wetlands, and more board-walking will be required than anticipated.

Mr. Schrumm noted there is transportation money out there such as ISTEA money, and this should be pursued.

As the continuing link Mr. Milone said there may be money out there, not as plentiful as before, but if we become the missing link there will be continuing opportunity for people to make money available to Cheshire.

Mr. Schrumm noted that Cheshire was the first town to build along the Farmington Trail.

The committee decided to invite Mr. Sheil to the next meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Adinolfi; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.
VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton
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