

**Hardwick Board of Selectmen
307 Main Street
Gilbertville, MA 01031
November 7, 2022
Zoom/ Board of Selectmen meeting room**

In attendance Julie Quink, Chair, H Robert Ruggles, Vice Chair, Kelly Kemp, Clerk, Nicole Parker, Town Administrator

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Atty Greg Corbo, of KP Law was present to review the conversation commission meeting he attended regarding the Hardwick Sewer line being moved to an alternative location owned by East Quabbin Land Trust (EQLT).

Preliminary investigation showed this location be a feasible alternative. The next step is to discuss with Engineers, Legal and get approval from USDA.

USDA went and looked at the property and it has been determined feasible to put a pump station at that location.

The Board of selectman and sewer commission will relocate the pump to that property after an easement is granted from EQLT and they verify title and all necessary requirements are in place.

When the Board of Selectmen will make their motion they will need to include that all requirements be fulfilled, if they cannot the pump will go back to the original location.

(JQ) state that Atty Corbo said if the site we are looking at is not suitable, we will go back to the original site and the only reason that USDA will be entertaining this is because the project is on schedule.

(KK) made a motion that the Board vote to accept the modification of the plans for the Hardwick Road Pump Station so as to locate the station within a permanent easement on the land currently owned by the EQLT, assessors map 30 parcel 17, and to acquire and accept a permanent easement for this purpose subject to all legal requirements being satisfied including but not limited to approval of the site by USDA and EQLT and approval of a change order by the contractor, certification of title to the easement by Town Counsel, and final preparation of plans by DPC, Hardwick engineering firm. If said locations are determined not to be a suitable location for site of the pump station for any reason or if any required approval for said location are denied, withheld, or unreasonably delayed that the project proceed with the pump station in its current plan and location.

HRR seconded.

Roll call

KK (I), JQ (I), HRR (I)

Sewer commission vote

(Elizabeth Cyran, Sewer commission made a motion that the Board vote to accept the modification of the plans for the Hardwick Road Pump Station so as to locate the station within a permanent easement on the land currently owned by the EQLT, assessors map 30 parcel 17, and to acquire and accept a permanent easement for this purpose subject to all legal requirements being satisfied including but not limited to approval of the site by USDA and EQLT and approval of a change order by the contractor, certification of title to the easement by Town Counsel, and final preparation of plans by DPC, Hardwick engineering firm. If said locations are determined not to be a suitable location for site of the pump station for any reason or if any required approval for said location are denied, withheld, or unreasonably delayed that the project proceed with the pump station in its current plan and location.

(HRR) seconded

Roll Call

EC (I), HRR (I)

In its original location the pump station required a Notice of Intent from Conservation Commission. Considering the project is being moved to aforementioned EQLT land from an easement, it is recommended by town counsel that the NOIB be withdrawn

(KK) made a Motion the Board of Selectmen vote to withdraw the notice of intent currently pending before the Conservation Commission and let it direct DPC to prepare final plans for the location of the pump station within an easement area on the land currently owned by the EQLT. If the alternative said location is determined not be a suitable location for the site of the pump station for any reason or if any required approvals for said location are denied that DPC amend the current plans to locate the Pump station outside of the 100-foot bumper zone on the current proposed property.

HRR Seconded

Roll call

KK (I), JQ (I), HRR (I)

Sewer Commission

Motion was made by Liz Cyran that the Sewer Commission vote to withdraw the notice of intent currently pending before the Conservation Commission and let it direct DPC to prepare final plans for the location of the pump station within an easement area on the land currently owned by the EQLT. If the alternative said location is determined not be a suitable location for the site of the pump station for any reason or if any required approvals for said location are denied that DPC amend the current plans to locate the Pump station outside of the 100-foot bumper zone on the current proposed property.

HRR seconded.

Roll Call

EC (I), HRR (I)

Cynthia Henshaw from EQLT spoke that they would like to transfer instead of doing an easement. The property was given to the land trust by Hans Toma several years ago. It came without conservation instruction so it does not have the legal bindings where the EQLT would not be able to consider this as most of our other properties in town do have conservation restrictions.

Service Zone Plan

An updated service Zone plan was submitted to the Board of Selectmen from Town Administrator Nicole Parker and Eric Volheim, Emergency Management director. The plan needs to be send to Cynthia Dixon at the Office of Emergency Medical Services

(KK) made a motion that we accept and approve updated service zone plan to return to the director of OEMS.

HRR seconded

Roll Call

KK (I), JQ (I), HRR (I)

HCA Draft from Commonwealth Equine LLC,

(KK) made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the draft HCA from Commonwealth Equine LLC.

HRR seconded

Roll call

KK (I), JQ (I), HRR (I)

The Board is in receipt today of a petition signed by 400 residents of Hardwick to reconsider their no vote. Although the Board of Selectman do not have to reconsider this petition a meeting will be held Wednesday November 9th at the elementary school at 6:30 pm.

(KK) made a motion to consider and potentially reconsider their vote at that meeting.

HRR seconded.

All in favor

KK (I), JQ (I), HRR (I)

ARPA funding

Hardwick Police dept is looking to get new Tasers. The current ones they have are out of date The town does not have funds to cover tasers so looking to use ARPA funding to cover for taser and maintenance.

So far the town has spent \$320,800 from ARPA funding

Friday October 21st The Boiler room at the Town hall over pressurized and caused radiators to burst. Lots of water damaged to some of offices

We have moved people to different offices so everyone can work and contacted our Insurance company.

- Annual licenses for renewal went out last week and will have them in the December board meeting.

Adjournment

(KK) made a motion to adjourn

(HRR) seconded

Roll call

KK (I), JQ (I), HRR (I)

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm