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Memo

To: Selectboard

From: Rocky Martin

Date: Dec 9, 2013

RE: Mason Building Wastewater Line

In 2002 the Mason's approached the town concerning a problem with their wastewater line running south from their building to manhole. (See attached Dec 30, 2002 Selectboard minutes-yes I know amazing that I found them)
Basically they said they didn't have funds to fix this problem and the Selectboard authorized repair up to $1000. January 3, 2003, a local contractor did the excavation, Steve Button and I did the repair work. When the manhole and wastewater mains were installed in 1967, approx. 40' of transite 4" pipe was installed for the Mason's building to connect to (common practice when mains were installed). We replaced a section of "Orangeburg" pipe that had basically disintegrated where it joined the 4" transite. Someone from the Mason's dropped by while we were doing the work, might have been Bob Harrington, and we showed him the overall very poor condition of the building line and told them the entire line should be replaced.

Lease agreement between Town and Masons says Masons are responsible for all maintenance and repair of the building and "any portion of the land and premises used by Tenant [Masons]".

Wastewater Ordinance says property owner is responsible for building sewer line from building connecting to the main.

Recommendation: Masons should be responsible for wastewater line replacement.

Selectboard Meeting
December 30, 2002

Attending the meeting: Lynn Gardner, Andrea Morgante, Jon Trefry, John Guttler, Rocky Martin, Mike Anthony, Brad Wainer, Earla Sue McNaull, Rich Hildebrand, Denise Guttler, Sam Crawford.

Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m.

Budget Planning Sessions

Highway – Capital Expense Reconstruction Projects –The Board discussed the options Mike proposed for the four roads scheduled for paving. It was suggested that Mike and Rocky meet with Hank Lambert of Local Roads for advice on ways to address storm water run off associated with these projects. The Board approved $100,000 be budgeted towards the projects.

Library -The Town will pick up full cost of health insurance.

Cemeteries –Will be level funded as the Town is still under the multi year contract. Brad stated VOCA(Vt Old Cemetery Assoc) contacted him regarding head stones needing repair. They will repair the stones at an estimated cost to VOCA of $2,000 and the Towns share to be $1,000.

Lake Iroquois Recreation District – Level fund at $600.

July 4th Committee – Level funded. Denise and Sam are both working on getting new volunteers. The possibility of the Recreation Dept taking on part of the festivities was again discussed.

Fixed Costs

County Tax (discuss Town of Colchester letter) – Jeanne will prepare a letter addressing the large increase for the Board to sign and cc other towns in the county.

Recycling, Landfill Closure – Rocky reported that the testing outlined by the engineers may not be necessary as Hinesburg may be grandfathered on their closing. We will continue current testing being done and install gas vent line.

Mason Building / Sewer Line Break –Rich Hildebrand stated the nursery school had a problem with the toilets backing up, they called Whites Sewer and Drain – they snaked the pipes and found what is believed to be a broken line. The Mason budget has been used up on all the repairs needed this year and Rich was requesting the Town repair the broken sewer line. Jon moved to authorize repair of the broken sewer line at the Mason Building for a cost not to exceed $1,000., second by John and approved.
Rocky stated he would apply the cost of this to emergency municipal building account.