

Warwick Sewer Review Commission

Draft minutes –Monday, October 28, 2013
Warwick City Hall Council Chambers

Attendance: Chairman Ed Ladouceur, Councilman Joe Gallucci, Rep. Frank Ferri, Janine Burke, Aaron Guckian, Peter Ginaitt, Michelle Komar, Jim Boyd, Angelo Liberti, Jane Austin, Mark Cerullo

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Chairman Ladouceur. No members of the public accepted invitation to speak.

Before turning to preparations for the presentation on Wednesday, October 30th, Chairman Ladouceur inquired about the status of the remaining outstanding minutes. Michelle Komar reported that the minutes for the meetings prior to October 17th were not complete and provided the Commission with a report of her recent activities, including walking through neighborhoods slated for projects. She reported on dissatisfaction with the information provided by the Commission, concern about cost, the distribution of additional flyers by members of the public, and solicitation of information from the WSA via a letter from Senator McCaffrey. Jane Austin reported that the minutes of October 23rd were not complete. Chairman Ladouceur asked that all notes and draft minutes be provided to him and Joanne Cournoyer by the end of the day.

The commission approved the minutes of the October 17th meeting with minor amendments.

The members of the Commission then reviewed the agenda and sequence of presentations for Wednesday October 30th. Individual commission members ran through their statements and PowerPoint presentations and the remaining members provided feedback and suggestions for additional information, clarification and emphasis. Members emphasized the need for clear, simple, visual presentation of information, reviewed the comparative cost data and impact of interest rate and financing assumptions, noted the deadlines looming for residents subject to the cesspool phaseout law, discussed utilization of Greenwich Bay fishkill example, suggested additional information be provided on funding availability and timing from the RI Clean Water Finance Agency.

Councilman Gallucci reviewed the next steps anticipated for Council action and Commission members. Members briefly noted the important issues still to be resolved when the Commission and WSA take up the enabling legislation, which will have significant impact on the distribution of costs for sewer users.

Members reviewed the logistics and procedures for managing public comment. Chairman Ladouceur expressed his appreciation to the members of the Commission for their hard work and contributions. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.