

SEWER COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING  
NEW HAVEN AVENUE, ROSEMARY CT, GROVE ST INFILLS PROJECT  
INCLUDING THE GROVE STREET PUMP STATION  
JULY 5, 2012

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 5, 2012 in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford. Chairman Robert J. Carroll opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The following Commission Members were present:

Chairman Robert J. Carroll, Commissioner Lee Cooke, Commissioner Edmund Collier, Commissioner Brad Hubler

Excused: Vice Chairman Anderson

Also Present: Mr. Raymond Macaluso and Mr. Mark Davis of Westcott and Mapes Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Carroll announced the meeting was being held per the legal notice published in the New Haven Register. Chairman Carroll read the following legal notice as it appeared. "The City of Milford hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room "A" on the second floor of the Thomas Parsons Government Complex at 70 West River Street, Milford, CT. 06460 by Mayor Benjamin Blake and the City of Milford Sewer Commission with reference to installing a force main and sanitary sewers on the following streets: A portion of New Haven Avenue from Anderson Avenue to the West Haven Municipal boundary, including Grove Street and Rosemary Court. The City of Milford is also constructing a sanitary sewer pump station at 18 Grove Street. Information on the project will be available at the public hearing."

Chairman Carroll instructed the audience that anyone wishing to speak to the Commissioners should state their name and address and limit their comments to 3 minutes. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Macaluso, President of Westcott and Mapes for a presentation regarding the Grove Street Pump Station.

Mr. Macaluso stated he was the president and owner of his firm, Westcott and Mapes Inc. and they are located at 142 Temple Street in New Haven. They are the consultant for the City of Milford Sewer Commission and explained tonight's meeting was to present this project to the public and to answer any questions they might have. Mr. Macaluso then presented the project to everyone with maps on story boards as he explained the design and construction. He explained that they propose to construct a sanitary sewer along Rosemary CT, New Haven Avenue, Grove ST into a pump station at 18 Grove Street with a force main exiting onto New Haven Ave to Anderson Avenue. A gravity sewer goes into the pump station and is forced out. The city is proposing to put a pump station on property they purchased at 18 Grove St. Mr. Macaluso showed a story board of the existing house at 18 Grove Street and explained that the new pump station is a 1 story structure around 18 and ½ ft to the peak. He explained they would keep the existing curb cut for the driveway. He showed there are 2 structures behind the house that are encroaching and go down below in the existing wetlands. They will be demolished along with the house and the foundation will be filled in. He showed the site plan for 18 Grove St and explained that they will keep the existing curb cut but will pave over it and around the pump station. The setback will be much greater now as they are moving the pump station farther back from the road.

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They plan on keeping the existing chain link fence and putting up a buffer between the driveway and the property next door. They plan on putting in Arborvitaes around the property. He explained that they would only be removing 3 trees. Mr. Macaluso presented two versions of the pump station design for the surrounding property owners to choose from. The first one had the pump station with a 6' high vinyl fence around it and arborvitaes surrounding the fence. The second choice showed the pump station with a 4 ft white picket vinyl fence with bushes in front of it. The pump station building itself had dormers and windows and vinyl siding to look like a small colonial house. This pump station is a compact size and is only 13 feet high. This is the best location with no impact on the environment and no one will have to use grinder pumps on their property. Mr. Macaluso also showed pictures of the existing house at 18 Grove Street and the structures behind it for comparison. They will all be demolished. The wet well will be flush with the ground. He is trying to make the pump station fit in with the neighborhood. There will be two pumps about 25 feet underground. There will not be any bright lights and no outside alarms. Snow removal will be kept on site up against the fence and will be done by the Wastewater employees. It will look like a little house with dormers, windows and shutters that are all fake. The height of the structure will be lower than the existing house. The exhaust from the station will be on the north side away from neighboring houses toward the tidal area. It will have a small porch light like a regular house. The height will be 16 ½ feet. The existing house is 38 feet long so this is half the size. The alarms will be inside the station, which are monitored through a computer to the Housatonic Treatment Plant. They are silent alarms. They took the design from previously designed pump stations in other municipalities. Mr. Macaluso discussed this design with the Superintendent of Wastewater, James Cooper and they have agreed to the design and the fence with no barbed wire. Constructing the pump station on this sight takes the project out of the jurisdiction of the Wetlands including tidal. There will be no impact on the wetlands or tidal. This was the least impact of all the designs on the environment.

Chairman Carroll thanked Mr. Macaluso for his presentation and asked if anyone on the Commission had any questions of Mr. Macaluso. Commissioner Cooke stated he wanted Mr. Macaluso to inform the public that the impact of this pump station environmentally in sound is very minimal. You won't even know it is there. Mr. Macaluso stated that Commissioner Cooke was correct. The noise would be minimal and the flow would be small. The generator would be tested once a month. The generator is for backup in case of power failure it will come on and keep everything flowing. Commissioner Cooke stated "no louder than a lawnmower". Mr. Macaluso responded that is correct and the exhaust would go towards the wetlands. He continued that today's technology is very quiet and the pumps are submersible pumps underground about 25 feet. Commissioner Collier asked how much traffic would be generated by this pump station. Mr. Macaluso responded that Wastewater would go there once a week to mow the lawn, do maintenance and check on the pump station. They can monitor the pump station through the computer at the Housatonic Treatment Plant. Commissioner Hubler asked what fuel was used for the electrical backup. Mr. Davis of Westcott and Mapes responded that it operates on diesel.

Chairman Carroll then asked if anyone from the Public had any questions for Mr. Macaluso. He reminded them that they have to state their name and address for the record and limit their comments to three minutes.

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Don Berlekovic of 16 Grove Street asked if there will be a fence on the side of the pump station that borders his property. He stated he did not want any bushes on that side of the pump station bordering his house.

Mr. Macaluso responded okay.

Sean Dolan of 4 Grove Street asked who would do the snow plowing, the city or Woodmont?

Mr. Macaluso responded that the City of Milford Wastewater personnel would do the snowplowing.

Sean Dolan thanked Mr. Macaluso for moving the pump station back. He stated the pump station looks pretty cute. The street was very concerned about what it would look like. He thanked Mr. Macaluso and stated that this was done with great thought.

Darcey Jeffery of 17 Grove Street stated that her parents live across the street and she would like to get their input on the fence before a decision is made on which option to choose.

Mr. Macaluso responded that there is time. They have to go before the Planning and Zoning Board for an 8-24 approval. The Commission has 30-45 days time to make that decision.

Darcey Jeffery asked how she would get access to the plans to show her parents.

Mr. Macaluso responded that he could send her a PDF file of the plans. He asked her to give him her email address so that he could email the plans to her. He told her that in ten years the Arborvitae will be as tall as the roof of the pump station.

Sean Dolan of 4 Grove Street inquired as to what happened to the vinyl fence at 18 Grove Street as it has been removed.

Mr. Macaluso responded that he didn't know as the city did not remove the white vinyl fence. It just disappeared one day. Someone cut it down and took it.

Sean Dolan asked if they had permission to remove the fence.

Mr. Macaluso and the Chairman both responded "No they did not have permission to remove the fence."

Chairman Carroll responded that the city had gone out to bid and the Commission would be voting on awarding the bid tonight at the regular Sewer Commission meeting.

Mr. Dolan than asked if a company had been selected to demolish the house yet.

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Mr. Macaluso stated that the company that got the bid had ten days to get in their insurance and bond. Then Mr. Macaluso will set up a preconstruction meeting probably around the middle of August with the utility companies and the demolition company. They will then demolish the house and the structures behind the house. The large tree and the dogwood would be taken down and the foundation of the existing house will be filled in and all of the pavement will be ripped out.

Mr. Dolan responded that he has seen some shady people over there that he has been chasing out. He was just wondering how long it will take before the house is demolished.

Mr. Macaluso responded that it will take around four weeks to demolish the house and backfill.

Mr. Davis of Westcott and Mapes then responded that the company has 60 days to demolish the house per the contract.

Mr. Macaluso responded that is why the Sewer Commission held the public hearing now. When the work is done there will be a level lot there to build the pump station on.

Mr. Joe Jeffery inquired about the lateral for number 17 and the last lot on the street.

Mr. Macaluso responded that they will have a stub at the end of the street for them to connect into for the last lot. Number 17 Grove Street will have a lateral. All the houses will be gravity feed; no grinder pumps.

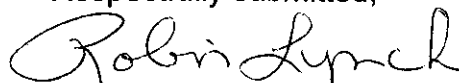
Mr. Jeffery stated that his parents were concerned with the Oak tree on the bank holding up the ground.

Mr. Macaluso responded that tree is off the property and is staying.

Chairman Carroll then asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:55 pm with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Chairman Carroll thanked everyone for coming and told them that if anyone had any concerns, please get them to Mr. Macaluso and the Commission would take them into consideration when they do the final vote. He announced that the regular meeting of the Sewer Commission would be held at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Lynch  
Recording Secretary