

Town of Proctor Selectboard Special Meeting
March 24, 2010
4:00 – 7:45 P.M.

Board Members Present

Rick Anderson, Chair
Bill Dritschilo
Susan Feenick
Lloyd Hughes
Dick Norris

Employees Present

Todd Blow, Chief Operator
Steffanie Bourque, Town Administrator

Other Guests Present

Vincent Gatti, PVFD
Warren McCullough
Ted Schaft
Kevin Smith, SVE Associates

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and began with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. Proposed Pipe Improvements

Kevin Smith explained that he, Todd Blow, and Vincent Gatti have already reviewed each potential pipe improvement and assigned each a priority ranking. The Selectboard was presented sets of pipe projects based on that priority ranking to be included in the bond for construction by a contractor, to be constructed by the Town crew, and not to be constructed because the incremental benefit from the improvement is not worth its cost.

Smith reviewed each pipe project on the bond list and the Town crew list. He noted the value of the not to be constructed list is for the Selectboard to see what other projects were considered by ultimately not recommended. A summary of the proposed pipe improvements discussion is provided here.

Proposed Bond Projects: The Wright A and Tower Road projects are already included in the bond scope. Smith explained their hydraulic importance, including their relationship to achieving ISO fire flows at the former VM industrial complex. These projects have a regulatory requirement.

Projects at the south end of Gorham Bridge Road, north end of Pleasant Street, and Meadow Street are all interrelated and therefore recommended that they be coordinated as one project. Although the improvements are not hydraulically necessary, the regulatory driver is to address hydrants on 4-inch mains and improve the fire fighting capacity in this area. The project was recommended for construction by a contractor due to the difficulty installing pipe on the north end of Pleasant Street with the railroad crossing. Warren McCullough recommended exploratory investigations to verify what size pipe is in this project area because he believes some of the pipe that is assumed to be 4-inch may in fact be 6 or 8-inch.

Similarly, the Wright B project was recommended for construction by a contractor due to the difficulty of the job. It is neither a hydraulic nor regulatory requirement; but rather a system optimization project replacing original 4-inch pipe with 8-inch. Warren McCullough suggested considering pipe replacement along Larson if it is also in fact 4-inch pipe. Investigative work is required to determine this.

Proposed Town Crew Projects: Projects to loop Green Square, connect School Street, and replace 6-inch pipe with 12-inch on Market Street are required to achieve ISO fire flows at the former VM industrial complex using hydrants H805 and H1306. Warren McCullough advised verifying if the Green Square loop already exists and confirmed that the School Street connector does not exist. Kevin Smith explained how the Water Supply Rule treats ISO requirements.

Other top priorities included new pipe along the north end of North Street because of the increased fire protection benefit to the entire northwest neighborhood and extended the boosted pressure line up Beaver Pond Road.

Smith, Blow, and Gatti all agreed the pipe improvements to address fire flows at the former VM industrial complex are a top priority. Smith, however, believes the extension of the boosted pressure line up Beaver Pond Road is a higher priority than both the former VM complex and northwest neighborhood projects.

Gatti suggested there are technical ways the Fire Department can help to meet ISO fire flows with new equipment such as 5-inch supply hose.

III. Alternatives from Within the Water System to Deliver Flows to Meet the Fire Demands at the Former VM Industrial Complex

Smith explained the advantages/disadvantages of addressing the ISO fire flows from within the water system and how to best achieve them with the Wright A/Tower Road improvements, the new higher east side storage tank, the Field Street well active, and the pipe improvements on Green Square, School Street, and Market Street.

IV. Alternatives from Within the Water System to Sustain Flows to Meet the Fire Demands at the Former VM Industrial Complex (i.e., East Side Water Storage Tank Size Alternatives)

Smith explained that to sustain the delivery of up to 4,500 gpm at hydrants H805 and H1306 that the storage volume of the east side tank must increase. He provided the Selectboard with cost information for storage tanks ranging from 500,000 to 900,000 gallons and recommended the Selectboard negotiate with Blow and Gatti as to an optimal size for both water quality and fire needs. Gatti initially agreed that 900,000 gallons was a reasonable compromise.

V. Alternatives for Outer District Service Area

Susan Feenick made the motion at 6:20 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss the alternatives for outer district service due to the potential legal nature of the matter. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Hughes and unanimously approved. Susan Feenick made the motion at 7:25 p.m. to resume the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Dritschilo and unanimously approved.

Dick Norris made the motion to authorize Kevin Smith to proceed with further analysis on the alternatives identified. The motion was seconded by Susan Feenick and unanimously approved.

VI. Pilot Test Update

Smith and Blow explained the proposed final step of the pilot testing. Dick Norris made the motion to continue with the final step. The motion was seconded by Bill Dritschilo, but after further discussion the motion was unanimously denied.

VII. Next Steps

The next special meeting to continue these conversations was scheduled for April 19, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn

Lloyd Hughes made the motion at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn the March 24, 2010 special meeting of the Selectboard. The motion was seconded by Dick Norris and approved by a majority.