

## MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**March 6, 2018**

**Members Present:** Robert Rossi – Chair  
Rosemary Sandlin – Vice Chair  
Anthony Suffriti

**Absent :** Councilors Cavallo and Mineo

**Also Present:** Councilors Bitzas, Calabrese and Mercadante and Mayor Sapelli

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rossi at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

### AGENDA

#### **1. Approval of minutes dated February 5, 2018**

Motion to approve minutes was moved by Councilor Suffriti and seconded by Councilor Sandlin. The vote was **3 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT** (Councilors Cavallo and Mineo) approving the minutes.

#### **2. Discussion of the feasibility of continuing Phase 2 of the Feeding Hills Sewer Project.**

Chairman Rossi opened up with a brief overview of the project's history. Discussion included unit costs as currently presented by Tighe & Bond covering approximately 2600 units project wide which was something Chairman Rossi would like to spend a little more time on as to the best and most cost effective way to calculate those figures. Currently the cost for Phase 2 is approximately 12 million with a total projection of approximately 41 million for all remaining phases with unit costs ranging from 17,500 to 26,300; a cost the Chair believes questionable. Brief discussion on paying down the debt, i.e. creative financing, raising sewer rates for all rate payers, low interest loans, etc. However, it was noted by the Chair that those getting the sewers will have to shoulder the greater financial burden. However, the Chair expressed his personal desire to work with the town to form a partnership with the district creating a shared responsibility. Working together is the only path to succeed. Discussed thoughts on taking each phase separately and independent of each other and is believed to be the best approach but obviously more research is needed. Ordinances would need to be created and established for a sewer district(s), updated sewer connection fees, mandatory hook-ups, sewer privilege fees, etc. The meeting was opened up to questions and answers with the public in attendance. All were given an opportunity to respond. Before the meeting was adjourned it was suggested by the Chair that the residents who would like the town to move forward with the second phase get proactive-more attention to the project and the demand for the need. The Chair offered his support and assistance in any way to attend neighborhood meetings if necessary and offered a contact number for those interested.

#### **3. Any other business that may legally come before the committee.**

None.

#### **4. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert Rossi, Chair  
Administrative Committee