

**Town of Newington, NH**  
**Planning Board and Sewer Commission Joint Meeting**  
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 4, 2013

**Call to Order:** Chair Denis Hebert called the April 4, 2013 meeting at 6:30 PM.

**Present:** Planning Board: Vice Chair, Mike Marconi; Bernie Christopher; Jack Pare; Justin Richardson; Sewer Commissioners, George Fletcher, Skip Cole; Jane Kendall, Recorder; and Thomas Morgan, Town Planner

**Absent:** Planning Board: Patty Borkland; Alternate Member, Peggy Lamson; Sewer Commission: Tim Fields; Board of Selectmen Rep, Rick Stern

**Public Guests:** Eric Weintreib, Altus Engineering Consultant

Planning Board Chair, Denis Hebert opened the discussion in response to Wilcox Industry's recent inquiry on future plans of extending Shattuck Way Industrial corridor out to Gosling Road. Wilcox said they would be willing to contribute to the project, and building to Town specifications. PSNH already has a formal agreement to convey the land, and contribute \$275,000 when the Town is ready to build.

Town Planner, Tom Morgan gave an overhead view of the area showing the gas, sewer and property lines. Discussions ensued whether to install sewer lines at the time of construction to avoid tearing up the new road, or not. Sewer Commissioner, George Fletcher was asked what happens to the waster water coming in from industry along the corridor, and he said it goes into the wastewater treatment plant. The general consensus was that the expense would not be warranted unless there were additional businesses on the road, and then the sewer lines could still be installed along the right of way without tearing up any of the newly constructed roadway. Justin Richardson said it would be beneficial to update the Town sewer ordinance that any funds set aside have to be spent within seven years before they are lost.

Discussion of whether extending waterlines from Shattuck to Gosling Road was also discussed. Justin Richardson said he didn't see why the Town would pay the City of Portsmouth for a waterline just for Wilcox Industries that would benefit only a few Newington customers, and also Portsmouth. Eric Weintreib said Wilcox would need waterlines for fire suppression. Denis Hebert said they would need boosters or bigger lines. Jack Pare said a precedent was set when the Town of Greenland paid for their waterline extension, and so Newington pays for theirs as well. Tom Morgan said installing waterlines would improve the pressure for fire safety along the industrial corridor, and would like to see further analysis, as well as invite the Fire Chief Sylvia to their next discussion.

Tom Morgan said Wilcox thought there would be overhead electric lines, even though the rest of Shattuck was planned for underground conduits. Eric Weintreib said they already have poles, and underground conduits weren't included in the estimate.

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Jack Pare said they could pay for their own electric lines rather than the Town assuming the costs.

Eric Weintrieb of Altus Engineering presented a preliminary construction estimate for the project. Denis Hebert said they should probably look at the higher construction costs estimate, and then they could lower the costs rather than expecting lower costs and then have to raise the cost. Jack Pare said they should seriously consider building the extension now before costs increase. Discussion regarding road construction costs ensued, and Eric Weintreib said Wilcox could build the road as far as their plant, to Town standards, stopping short of the pipeline and wetlands crossing, and not make it a Town road for security reasons until necessary. Mike Marconi asked what the need would be to extend Shattuck to Gosling Road, and Tom Morgan said it would be good to move the heavy industrial truck traffic onto Gosling Road instead of entering and exiting Woodbury Ave. from Piscataqua Drive. Justin Richardson asked if they had looked at the increased detour traffic on Shattuck Way as a result of the Spaulding Turnpike Expansion. Denis Hebert said several thoughts had been discussed once the Shattuck Way extension to Gosling Road was completed, including making Piscataqua Drive a one-way entrance only. Denis Hebert said they should also have a traffic flow engineer do a study of the area.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

**Respectfully**

**Submitted by:** Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary