

**Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Select Board:** Stephanie O’Keeffe, Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden, Diana Stein and Jim Wald

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Acting Town Manager Dave Ziomek, Superintendent Guilford Mooring and Finance Director Sandy Pooler

**Other:** Ed Sanderson, CDM; Sigurd Nilsen, James Triplett, Amy Vickers, David Mullins, Mindy Domb, Julie Marcus, Svetlana Prokofiev, Mary Streeter, Andrew Mason, Terry Singer

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 7:02 p.m.

This was a public meeting called by Department of Public Works Superintendent Guilford Mooring to present the updated Draft Sewer Extension Master Plan to the community and to answer questions about it. The Select Board was in attendance as Sewer Commissioners, as part of the process established to inform its consideration and decision making on proceeding with the sewer extension plan.

Ed Sanderson of CDM and Guilford Mooring explained the sewer extension master plan, its history and recent update. Sandy Pooler explained the various financing options, primarily: a betterment charged to those receiving the extension; spreading the cost among all users via the sewer rates; or some combination thereof. Members of the public mostly expressed support for the sewer extension and concern about the possibility of financing it via betterment fees. They also had questions about the technical aspects of failing septic tanks, connecting to sewer lines, and the transition and connection obligations of those in the areas being considered for sewer expansion.

Ms. Brewer offered comment about not dismissing without further consideration a less-common financing option, the ad valorem assessment, which is based on property values. Beyond that, the Select Board did not speak or deliberate at the meeting. Their next consideration of this issue will be at the October 24, 2011 Select Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie O’Keeffe, Select Board Chair

**List of Documents Presented at the Meeting**

Press Release Issued by GM on Draft Sewer Extension Plan 9/20/11

Draft Sewer Extension Master Plan Report - August 2011