

## Joint Sewer IMA Review Committee

June 5, 2013

10:00AM

### Present:

Mark Jamieson, IMA Review Committee  
Andy Burbine, IMA Review Committee  
John Stone, IMA Review Committee

David Norton, City of Brockton, DPW  
Mike Thoreson, City of Brockton, DPW  
Larry Rowley, City of Brockton, DPW

Also Present: Jeanne White, Administrative Clerk  
Christopher Petrini, Special Counsel, Abington  
Caitlin Leach, Assistant City Solicitor, City of Brockton  
John Condon, City of Brockton, Finance

The meeting convened at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Caitlin Leach, Assistant City Solicitor, stated that Brockton was happy with the current IMA terms set forth in Amendment No. 3 and suggested that Abington make proposals to change or modify the relationship. Chris Petrini then explained that the members of the Sewer Review Committee had authorized him to lay out three potential options to Brockton, with all options subject to approval by the appropriate authorities in Abington (Sewer Commissioners and Board of Selectmen) and Brockton (Mayor and City Council). Mr. Petrini then proceeded to describe three options as follows:

1. Abington to construct its own pipe to the Waste Water Treatment Facility in Brockton.
2. Negotiate a reduced lump sum transport fee and enter into a new agreement with new calculations for 20 years.
3. Negotiate a capacity Increase with Brockton to 1.5 million gallons, in exchange for which Abington would pay Brockton an annual flat fee for the transport and treatment of Abington's sewage. Abington also is willing to work cooperatively with Brockton to secure a new NIPDES discharge permit with higher discharge levels. (Abington is already listed as a co-permittee on the discharge permit.) Abington also may be willing to assist with the financing of a one-time I&I reduction project as part of the overall capacity increase.

Chris Petrini asks Brockton to explain how they calculate the rate for transport.

Mike Thoreson requests Abington to send over copies of the maps we had made when SEA performed the study. Attorney Petrini agreed to provide copies of maps to Ms. Leach.

Brockton enters executive session 10:40 AM. Brockton adjourns executive session 11:05 AM.

Ms. Leach explains that Brockton needs more time to go into detail about the proposals that Abington offered and responds to each of Abington's proposals as follows:

- (1) Brockton will need to review the drawings to respond.
- (2) The second proposal is the least attractive to Brockton.
- (3) This proposal looks like the best option but they need to go back to discuss. Brockton DPW will follow up with the EPA about their permit so they will have a better idea.

Mr. Thoreson explains that Brockton discharges 18 Million Gallons per day. They will need to talk to the regulators (EPA and DEP) to see what kind of increase we can discuss. Mr. Petrini asked why Option No. 2 is the least attractive and Ms. Leach advised that the City gets nothing back from option #2.

The parties then discussed logistics and deliverables for the next meeting, as follows:

- (1) Brockton to supply counterproposal to Proposal No. 3 (expanded capacity proposal) and possibly Proposal No. 1 (Abington's construction of a dedicated sewer line to WWTP).
- (2) Brockton to provide Abington with information regarding how Brockton calculates the annual transport charge.
- (3) Abington to provide Brockton with copies of applicable sketches showing available routes for a possible construction of a dedicated sewer line to transport Abington's sewage to WWTP.
- (4) C. Petrini to circulate draft ground rules for discussion and adoption at the next meeting.

Brockton and Abington agree in principle to keep the negotiations within the meeting room at this point and not to publicly discuss with the press the specific proposals and counterproposals given and received.

The second meeting was set for Wednesday June 26 2013 at 10:00 AM in Brockton and will be held in the GAR Room. The third meeting was set for Tuesday July 23, 2013 at 10:00AM in Abington and will be held in the Cotter Room.

Mr. Thoreson makes a motion to adjourn. Andy Burbine seconds. Unanimous in favor 6-0.