

Organization Town of Champion**Board Sewer Board****Date and Time Wednesday, June 9 2004 at 5:30 PM****Place Town of Leray Offices Board Room 8650 Leray St Evans Mills NY****Contact [Chris Vargulick](#) Town Clerk Phone (315) 493-3240 Fax(315) 493-2900****Minutes**

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday June 9, 2004 at the Town of LeRay Municipal Building. In the absence of Chairperson McLallen, K. Jordan called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

C. Tuttle distributed the monthly administrative reports. C. Tuttle remarked that a bill is pending from the City of Watertown for treatment costs and highlighted a new line item for capital expansion on the monthly financial report.

C. Tuttle presented a draft expansion policy and procedure including an information form. In response to a question from S. Harter, K. Jordan stated that only NYS Route 3 member communities would be eligible to apply. Any commercial developers would require the sponsorship of a member community. R. Taylor questioned the portion of the form regarding funding packages and stated that it may be difficult to accurately complete the section. K. Smith reminded members that the information would be vital to assess the projected net gain of any expansion under consideration.

K. Jordan distributed the draft of a letter to Actus Lend Lease, and copied to both Congressman McHugh and Jim Corriveau, regarding a sewer tie-in for proposed RCI housing. The Board approved, by consensus, the letter as it was presented.

K. Jordan provided the Board with copies of the proposed authorization #7 for services under the agreement for engineering services for the bidding and construction phase for Town of Rutland-Hamlet of Felts Mills. K. Jordan informed the Board that the engineering budget for this portion of the project (8.6%) falls well within the percentages for the previous phases (8.3%-8.8%). He also pointed out that the \$10,000 line item for design contingency has been eliminated from the budget.

C. Tuttle provided members with a re-drafted sewer service agreement that now includes the Town of Rutland. The new agreement would supercede previous approved agreements. Motion by L. Longway, seconded by R. Taylor to approve the Sewer Service Agreement as presented subject to review by Mark Gebo, NYS Route 3 Sewer Board counsel. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Board recessed for a short break. The meeting resumed at 5:57PM.

Construction Update - Black River

The new bridge in Black River has gone to bid. Bid opening will be June 15th and will allow the engineers to more precisely estimate costs for the sewer line crossing.

Construction Update - LeRay/Pamelia

Phase I - Lateral construction is complete with the exception of an outstanding connection to a house adjacent to the Renaissance Restaurant. All restoration is expected to be complete by June 30th.

Phase II - Construction is well underway but behind schedule due to pending electrical work by Niagara Mohawk. The contractor has requested a time extension at no additional cost. T. Falkenburg recommended the extension but reminded the Board that there would be a cost for additional residential inspector hours. Funds are available within the budget to meet the additional expense.

Restoration - Champion

C. Vargulick explained that a resident has made T. Maloney aware of a tree that has been replaced twice has once again failed to thrive. The resident is requesting replacement or a cash settlement. The Board asked for additional information regarding species and replacement cost.

Design Update - Rutland-Hamlet of Felts Mills

T. Falkenburg reported that the agency comment period is winding down. There are two significant outstanding issues - a Fort Drum easement and property acquisition for a pump station. Town of Rutland, town attorney Tim Farley has requested a Phase I environmental review to determine if there is evidence to suggest that the property being considered for acquisition is contaminated. The review will cost approximately \$3,000. The recommendation is supported by the engineers and funds are available within the budget to cover the expense. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by F. Phelps to authorize the engineers to proceed with a Phase I environmental

review. Pending the results of the review, the projected bid date is mid-July.

Motion by F. Phelps, seconded by L. Longway to approve authorization #7 for services under the agreement for engineering services for the bidding and construction phase for Town of Rutland-Hamlet of Felts Mills. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Route 3 Bus Tour

Arrangements for a bus tour of the NYS Route 3 Sewer project site have been confirmed. A bus will depart from the Black River Elementary parking lot at 4:30PM on Wednesday, July 14th. Members were encouraged to invite all members of their legislative boards and planning/zoning members. C. Vargulick will prepare an invitation flyer and distribute the same to all clerks. Invitations will also be forwarded to interested individuals and agencies.

Future Phases

K. Smith reported that Congressman McHugh has submitted an earmark request for sewer construction funding. W. Hall reminded members that the remaining project has been designed but that the number of phases will be determined by the level of funding. Mr. Hall recommended returning a lump sum to the lead agency until such time as the project progresses. K. Jordan reported that new median income levels will have an affect on future funding.

Public Forum

Rich Leonard, 26897 NYS Rte 3 requested the specifications for top soil, seed, and driveway restoration. T. Falkenburg provided the resident with information to contact T. Maloney, residential inspector.

Two individuals from Heather Acres were present to file complaints regarding private street restoration within the apartment complex and to discuss the sewer rate structure. T. Falkenburg and L. Longway will meet with the complainants to discuss street restoration and rates, respectively.

Planning/Development

K. Amyot distributed and reviewed a status report for the preceding month. K. Smith reported a balance of approximately \$3,500 in planning funds to address land review issues. He recommended applying for additional financing through available programs, including the Niagara Mohawk Main Street project.

K. Smith informed the Board that an application has been submitted for a Smart Growth Award and an additional application for environmental recognition is pending.

K. Amyot presented a "Blueway Trail" map and requested a resolution supporting an application to provide funding for a study to identify areas of concern in and along the river. Motion by F. Phelps, seconded by L. Longway to adopt a resolution of support. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
(Note: D. McLallen had left the meeting)

Motion by F. Phelps, seconded by R. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at the V/Black River Municipal Building following the bus tour.