

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN SILVER PLUME JOINT WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
COMMISSION

October 5, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT; Tom Bennhoff, John Jackson, Earl Ballard, and Jeff Best. Also present were Tom Hale, Mary Simms and John Curtis from the Town of Georgetown. Clay Brown, Barry Cress and Jarrod Biggs from DOLA were present.

The meeting minutes of September 29<sup>th</sup> were approved.

Jarrod gave an update on his progress on determining future operating costs. He got the Broomfield plant number and revised the Fairplay Sanitation District numbers. The cost per tap has gone down substantially from the last draft (see attached handout).

There was a short discussion on reserves. Clay will forward a sample reserve policy to Mary and John. They will make staff recommendations at the next meeting.

Barry Cress, also of DOLA, made a presentation on a revised EQR system. Silver Plume and Georgetown staffs had a meeting with Barry and gave a lot of valuable input to the last draft of the EQR system. Greenhouses should be included in non retail areas. A discussion was held on outdoor seasonal seating at restaurants. An EQR needs to be established for this seating. Earl suggested that perhaps that the rate system assume a four month season and prorate the cost over a twelve month period. This methodology would make it easier for the restaurants to pay for the increase and make it very simple for the towns to administer. No changes in the billing system or site inspections would be required. The EQR for outside seating would be the same (per 5 tables) as the inside seating. Another topic was how to charge for the Georgetown water plant backwash water. Mary expressed concern that the water and sewer funds were one enterprise so would the water plant actually pay the sewer fund? She accounts for the two funds separately but they are classified as one enterprise by the Board of Selectman. It was suggested that the Board adopt a new resolution creating separate enterprise funds. Tom B. thought this was important with the direction that the two towns were headed. If the towns establish one collection system it would be best to have the funds separated. An EQR rate for the water plant backwash still needs to be established and John will provide some additional input to Barry. Commercial hot tubs were also discussed. It was suggested that an additional .2 EQR be charged per hot tub.

Clay suggested that perhaps if there is a use that is not listed on the EQR schedule, that the proposed use would be referred to the Joint Wastewater Commission. The Joint Wastewater Commission would recommend what the EQR would be for the proposed use to the appropriate town board.

Earl felt like the proposed EQR system look pretty good. John C. was in agreement with Earl's observation. With one more revision Jarrod should be ready to run some revenue numbers on the EQR system.

Tom asked about the implementation time schedule. The commission is dedicated to establish a new rate system and a proposed monthly rate by the end of the year. The actual system may not be able to be implemented until sometime in 2011. It will take some time to change over to the new system and to assign new EQRs to the existing customers.

John C. asked if Georgetown was going to adopt the same EQR rate for the water system. Clay suggested that water EQR system for sewer did not account for the different types of water users and the use of a metered rate. Georgetown will have to figure out if the system will work or not.

The future meetings are as follows;

Tuesday Oct.19: Refinement of EQR system and reserve policy discussion

Tuesday Nov 2: Review financial report tied to proposed EQR system

Two future meeting dates to be set will include the development of rates based on the EQR system and a joint meeting of both boards.

The next meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Georgetown.