

TOWN OF DRESDEN SEWER DISTRICT #1 COMMITTEE May 2025 MEETING

Meeting note: The call-in number is (605) 313-5692 and 7857820 is the access code.

Attendees: Allen Wilbur, Charlie Tall*, Suzy Shad, Patrick Keenan*, Marc Brown, Margaret Stoutenberg, Patricia Portela (*phone attendees)

Meeting began at 7:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sewer General

1. Sewer update – Bill Borden had a family emergency and was unable to attend.
2. Letter from a taxpayer – the letter brought up a variety of issues. Upon examination, the topics are complex. Individual billing was brought up, and that's determined by the sewer law and the easements. We are looking to modernize the law at some point in the future to achieve more equitable billing. Charlie Tall has a draft he is working on. The new law would cover all the districts in Dresden but allow for personalization to the uniqueness of each district in terms of billing/operation.
3. Balance Sheet, P&L sheet, expenses
 - a. Board members report no atypical expenses in the May invoices.
 - b. Balances are reported at Town Board meeting.
4. Succession Plan – job description, SOP, GPS points
 - a. Job description and SOP are outstanding
 - b. GPS points are completed! LGPC overlaid the points on aerials and we have a much more usable, understandable map at this point.
5. Sewer Lateral Application
 - a. No uses yet.
 - b. We will use the local homeowners associations mailing lists to send out a briefier on the new sewer lateral application process – main feedback on the process document is that it needs to be very clear that Superintendent Bill Borden is the first stop on the application process in HLSD#1 & HLSD#2.
 - c. ***Suzy to revisit the process docs and simplify + call out first step of process.
 - d. ***Suzy to ask Code Enforcement if they could put in a line in their application for SD#1+SD#2 to specifically call out that they need a special application for lateral work
6. Sewer Meeting Dates
 - a. Starting in June, the sewer meeting will be right before the Town Board meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month, starting at 6pm – if this is no good we can always switch back to the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm. Call in feature is being kept.
7. Monitoring wells & piezometers
 - a. Charlie + Suzy had a zoom call with LGPC on 5/2, and then had a site visit on 5/12 – After Charlie presented to LGPC earlier this year about the sewer districts, LGPC generously offered to support our efforts to be proactive in monitoring the groundwater near the sewer district leach fields and worked together with us to determine where groundwater wells would be best placed – it ultimately was determined that spreading out monitoring wells across both fields (covering SD#1 and SD#2) would be advantageous. The installation of the wells is scheduled for this

week. LGPC provided the engineering expertise and the contractors at no charge to the Town. We know we will be able to get relevant, robust data from these monitoring wells so we can make well-guided decisions and be proactive in protecting the groundwater and subsequently Lake George. LGPC is working with incredible efficiency to complete this project before Memorial Day. The golf course and HLPOCA have been notified about the construction.

**Suzy to email Patricia Portela the planned monitoring wells map

Sewer District #1 Engineering Study

1. Final draft of EPG
 - a. The final draft is still with the State.

Sewer District #1 Sewer Line Burial Project

1. 90% drawings
 - a. The drawings are still being finalized; there's a discrepancy in property lines that needs to be corrected in the paperwork.
***Patrick to circle back with LaBella about concrete footings – stay or go. The brook has an incredible history of moving very heavy rocks, there is a concern of scouring or increased erosion if the abutments are removed.
2. Updated cost with directional drilling
 - a. Not received as of 5/19.
3. Permitting status
 - a. No update
4. Funding pathways
 - a. LGA gave a verbal commitment of \$20k to support the project.
 - b. Town is actively looking for other funding pathways to offset taxpayer burden.

Additional topic

Construction project on Elm Tree Way / Schultz Garage

Charlie Tall reports there's an update drawing with the garage *not* sitting on the force main. There is an outstanding question about timeline – when would this construction take place?

***Charlie Tall will circle back with Bill Borden on status of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm