

Executive Director's Report – August 8, 2023

FROM – Ted Lewis

RE: Monthly Report – July / August 2023

- 1. “C-2” Certifications** – Chris Muccie took the C-exam on August 2 and PASSED, so we now have, on staff an employee qualified to operate the system in Herb's absence. The qualification will also entitle Chris to a salary increase based on our past practices.
- 2. Wilson Avenue Sewers** – Bids were opened on July 19 – 5 bids were received ranging from \$626,154 to \$1,099,999. The lowest bidder was J.R. Ientile, who immediately asked to withdraw his bid. The consensus opinion was that trying to force Ientile to do the work would create an untenable situation. The next lowest bidder was Earle Asphalt who is willing and acceptable to T&M, however their bid is \$124,000 higher and FMERA will have to ask their Board in August for additional funds to cover the extra cost. John Bonello will advise if ESA can approve the award contingent upon FMERA approving the additional funds. The TWA was approved by the state (with a date typo that is being corrected).
- 3. Old Orchard Easement** – The Planning Board agenda for August 7 includes a discussion to change zoning for Old Orchard – which may affect our easement, but no one has seen an actual proposed site plan yet.
- 4. Sun Eagles** – Nothing new on this issue.
- 5. Howard Commons / Liberty Point** – Herb reports the developer has cleaned and televised the existing line in Pine Brook Road, but we have not heard anything on the changes they want to make to the Eaton Crest pump station.
- 6. Missing Easement** – John Bonello is having a search done to investigate the status of an easement for a sewer line between Lewis Street and West Street west of Route 35. A sewer line has been there since the system was built in the late 1950's but there is no easement shown on the tax map.
- 7. Employment Applications** – As of this writing we have received resumes from 10 people - Tina has sent our employment application to all of them but none have been returned as yet. I will coordinate with the Personnel Committee (Jeanna and Peter) as we go forward.
- 8. Old Deal PS Railings** – Herb reported that the railings used to move pumps up and down were deteriorated and no longer useable – we arranged with our emergency contractor to have them replaced at a cost of \$12,410.