

AD HOC REPORT
Sewer & Water at Danbury Fair Mall
Reference #15 January 2008

Chairwoman Mary Teicholz called the meeting to order at 5:30pm on January 24, 2008. In attendance was Councilwoman Colleen Stanley. Absent was Councilman John Esposito. Also in attendance were City Engineer Farid Khouri, Corporation Counsel Les Pinter, Bill Buckley, the Principal's representative and ex-officio Council Members Gregg Seabury and Ben Chianese.

Councilwoman Teicholz stated the call of the meeting was to get approval on rerouting the sewer and water lines for a new anchor store which will be constructed on the former Filene's site. Chairwoman Teicholz commented there was a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Khouri explained the site map of the former Filenes which showed the new building and the existing sewer and water, which ones will be abandoned because of demolition of the building and where the new ones will be and the new building's location. Mr. Khouri explained the existing easements would be abandoned and the sewer and water rerouted. Counsel responded that the standard 9 steps must be followed in reference to the abandonment and easements.

Mr. Buckley said there would be no increase in the footprint of the store or increase in parking. There will be an exchange of hydrants all around the store, but no increase or decrease in the number. It is to be a two-phase procedure. The tenant has to have their site plan approved and go before the EIC.

Councilwoman Teicholz asked if lowering the property 12 feet would cause flooding. Mr. Khouri replied that it would not and that there is a plan in place to clean the ponds because the ponds have not been maintained. The ponds will generate the same amount of water. The metering will be controlled by the DEP.

Councilman Seabury asked if the ponds could be extended. Mr. Buckley said the ponds are designed to flood. Mr. Seabury didn't know there was a maintenance system in place and Mr. Buckley stated it would be improved and maintained like it was designed to do.

Councilwoman Stanley moved the Committee approve the modifications of the existing water and sewer services and improvements at the Danbury Mall, following the 8 steps with a 9th step to release existing easements. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Stanley moved to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Motion passed unanimously

Mary Teicholz, Chair

Colleen Stanley

John Esposito