

At the last meeting of the Board of Selectman two major financial issues were discussed, water sewer and dispatch fees.

A number of water and sewer questions were answered but many critical decisions will be left to be decided later.

Here is the best estimates of what we do know will need to happen;

The total cost now estimated to be between \$14 million and \$17 million with the emphasis on the \$17 million. Town meeting approved \$12 million. The additional cost is to come from some source but may not be the taxpayers (hopefully a developer(s) would pay the additional cost)

The cost to taxpayers if the project fails to attract new business is estimated to cost and additional 4.5% in everyone's taxes

The expectation for development - 8 acres per year (their estimate is that there is about 270 ac of land)

The financial break even point is estimated to be 8 to 12 years but could go out to \$16 years

The question of who would be required to tie in and when is still up in the air as are many of the other details such as what type of development such as workforce housing vs. small business vs. office vs. new single family homes vs. big box store ...

**At this weeks Wednesday night meeting (5:30pm) the Board will likely hear a motion to move forward with the water and sewer project. The motion was delayed until this meeting because Harry Judd was not present by phone for the much of the meeting.**

**At the same meeting the board will also decide on what to charge the five towns that use our police dispatch service. Last year we moved towards a system that I introduce where each town pays its portion of the total cost based upon their usage over the 3 previous years**