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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: January 12, 2023
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Giberti called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti
Peter G. Dunlop
Sandra L. Slavin
Donna M. Bronk
Malcolm R. White

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to table the August, September, October and December meeting minutes. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

SEWER BUSINESS

1. Swifts Beach Meeting Questions

Chairman Giberti stated due to 'Open Meeting Laws' the Board cannot respond to residents other than "Thank You" for anything presented. The first resident who spoke was Mary Teresa Raskin. She stated she understands the Board cannot answer questions, however, it feels like an obstruction due to the timeliness of the announcement. The next resident who spoke was Sylvester Shivoni, whom introduced himself as a professional builder and developer. He suggested a Mya's Pump due to

the depth it can operate and the cost of the pump. He continued and said it would be much cheaper. A resident who did not state his or her name, asked if information has gone out to EVERY home owner in Swifts Beach. He continued and said the WPCF and the Board need to do better at communicating to the residents about the work going on. He also stated it seems Wankinquoah is where the issue is, and if that was fixed the problem would be eliminated. The next resident who spoke was Stephen Kelly. He stated this new project is going to go for 6/10ths of a mile, which would call for removing the hard top on the road and digging down roughly four (4) feet to install pipe hookups. He stated he doesn't know how cost effective that solution would be compared to opening up roughly 100 feet of Wankinquoah to get down 17 feet to fix a section of pipe which means replace the section of pipe.

2. Service Call Charge Policy

The Board had a 'Service Call Charge' policy presented relating to the Grinder Pumps. The policy did not pass.

3. Chairman Response Letter

Chairman Giberti shared questions and answers from a letter answered in October 2022 for the Grinder Pumps.

Q: As Spring/Summer residents, what will be the status of our Sewer in Spring 2023? The water is turned off by the Town and the houses pipes are 'anit-freezed' from Mid October to mid/late April.

A: The Sewer will still be operable as long as the power to your pump is still on.

Q: Will the macerator and sewer be installed and connected and thus we will only have to hook up our home to it?

A: That is correct.

Q: I know we have to dedicate a sufficient power source to the macerator will it require a 110 or 220 service. We have an outlet downstairs, will this be sufficient?

A: Our understanding is it will require a 220 Outlet. As soon as we have the specs from the company providing the pumps we will know for certain.

Q: What will the approximate cost to tie in?

A: That will depend on the people you hire to make the connections. With the location of your house, it should not be too expensive.

Q: After construction will the water line servicing us be above the sewer line? Or will this have to be raised to keep it above the waste system?

A: At the present time I am unable to answer this question.

Q: As we winterize our home we put anti-freeze in the pipes, should we put anti-freeze in the macerator?

A: When we receive the specs from the pump manufacturer we will be able to more accurately answer this.

4. Policy Reviews and Discussion

The Board of Sewer Commissioners discussed the policies and numbers and where they can be found as well as explain why this discussion of policies is happening.

Commissioner Slavin stated she wanted to review the policies before motioning to remove and void them. Mr. Campinha noted some policies allow him to give permits and he is currently in the middle of issuing permits, so how will that affect his work?

Mr. Campinha stated he reviewed minutes from 2016 and 2017 where the current Board of Sewer Commissioners adopted policies specifically for the sewer. Chairman Giberti stated he will speak with the Town Attorney for more clarification. The Board had a discussion regarding the policies. One policy Mr. Campinha emphasized the importance of is the F.O.G Program (Fats, Oils, and Grease Program. Signs and Printable Information is on the Town of Wareham Website under Sewer Department and Sewer Documents). The discussion continued between the members.

5. Staffing Policy 314 CMR 12.04

Director Campinha explained the importance of the 314 CMR section 12.04 because the document is provided by the state with the proper information on how the WPCF should be staffed and maintained. Mr. Campinha explained the benefits of having a full staff and the work that would be accomplished.

The 314 CMR 12.04 policy did not pass.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Campinha did not have a report to give at the January 12, 2023 meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

A. Camera Footage- Commissioner Dunlop asked about the video footage of the pipes and Chairman Giberti stated it will be set up for the next meeting.

B. December 8th Meeting- Commissioner Slavin mentioned the GHD Report and the committed projects. Mr. Campinha explained the document to the Board for a better understanding.

1. NEW BUSINESS

2. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

January 26, 2023 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320, 48 Marion
Road Wareham, MA

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:26 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed _____

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____