

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: February 16, 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
Malcolm R. White (Joined a few moments late)

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Donna M. Bronk

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent
Sarah Greenberg, GHD Engineer
Russ Kleekamp, GHD Engineer
Mark Drainville, GHD Engineer

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the August 25, 2022 and September 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

SEWER BUSINESS

1. Second Half FY23 Sewer Usage Commitment

The Board voted to approve the \$3,569,017.12 Second Half Fiscal Year 2023 Sewer User Fee.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the Second Half 2023 Fiscal Year Sewer User Fee. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. Review and Vote on Article for Construction Costs- Clarifiers and Headworks \$36 Million

The Board of Sewer Commissioners were joined by GHD Engineers to discuss questions relating to the article and the language for the \$36 Million Clarifier and Headworks upgrades needed for the WPCF. The Engineering for the projects have been approved at the Fall Town Meeting on October 24, 2022. However, it has not yet been executed, it has been requested to be put on the warrant for the week of the 23rd for the Sewer Commissioners approval. The engineering performed previously was done as a part of the WPCF Plant Evaluation, and the evaluation indicated the major processes within the facilities and which ones were in a state of disrepair. The \$36 Million will be funded through debt forgiveness with a zero to two percent interest. The Town will not have to pay an estimated \$3.6 Million back. The board continued to discuss the article language as well as the debt services.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to submit the article for Special Spring-Town Meeting for \$36 Million as written. Chairman Giberti Seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

3. Second Town Meeting Article

A short article covers \$ the recommendation is three articles for \$6 Million of engineering for the last three projects be rescinded and resubmitted using retained earnings as funds opposed to borrowing. Discussion regarding the Enterprise fund as well as engineering costs continued.

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop motioned to have Commissioner Slavin draft an article that changes the source of funding for engineering that was approved last fall. Chairman Giberti Seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

4. Maintenance Discussion

The Board had a short discussion regarding the Headworks and Clarifiers and the maintenance and lifespan of the equipment as well as staffing. They also discussed plant maintenance.

5. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Campinha did not have a report to give.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of letter to Swifts Beach Residents.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

February 23, 2023 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

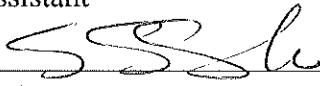
VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:21 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 3/27/23

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____