

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: April 22, 2021
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Giberti called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Donna M. Bronk

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent
Ralph Spinoza
Steve Sooey

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Ralph Spinoza and Steve Sooey were present for citizens participation to discuss the Griner Pump options in Swifts Beach for One Upham. Mr. Sooey explained they would put a new dry well and then go ahead and install a sump pump. From there a hard pipe from the sump pump right there in the dry well on the property. Mr. Sooey explained he is trying to do an alternative to grinder pumps due to previous issues he has encountered a few times. Mr. Campinha informed Mr. Sooey that grinder pumps are required because of sump pumps. Mr. Campinha expressed his concerns that "down the road [of] someone decides to high pipe it back into the sewer because maybe the wet well fails. Maybe the water table rises... We had a policy that were going to require lineup on grinders because it doesn't allow for sump pumps." The discussion continued between Mr. Sooey and the Board of Sewer Commissioners relating to a recharge system and a holding tank. Later in the discussion Mr. Sooey explained sometimes a holding tank is installed in the basement in case its needed. He and Mr. Campinha spoke about putting a restriction to say sump pumps cannot be relocated unless discharging into the dry well tank. Mr. Campinha also expressed he would like recent work telling the Board of Sewer Commissioners where the water table is on that piece of property, and a couple other items relating to water table height for the present day.

The discussion continued between Mr. Sooeey and the Board of Sewer Commissioners to further discuss when both parties should meet again and with what information.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

SEWER BUSINESS

1. Kleinfelder

Mr. Campinha explained to the Board of Sewer Commissioners the Kleinfelder paperwork is showing the Water Pollution Control Facility is asking them to move forward on seeing the likelihood or get approval on the DOT (MASS Department Of Transportation) to fractional drill under the railroad. Commissioner Slavin mentioned a plethora of federal money coming down for sewer and water. Mr. Campinha told Commissioner Slavin he writes Congressman Keating to discuss the funding for sewer. The discussion between the Sewer Commissioners and Mr. Campinha continued as they talk about allocated funds, percent's of budgets, and money.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve \$21,440 for feasibility and routing with railroad. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. 181 Onset Ave

Mr. Campinha explained to the Sewer Commissioners 181 Onset Ave was abated an additional \$455.78 due to clerical error and recommended crediting the account Per Treasurer of Collectors.

3. GAF Engineering- Tower Terrace

Chairman Giberti introduced the Tower Terrace GAF Engineering project. Mr. Campinha explained the proposal as a woman would like to run the sewer line through the Decas property into Tower Terrace to tie into sewer, and it is a single family home.

4. 311 Onset Ave

Mr. Campinha explained this abatement is due to clerical error. The homeowner has applied two previous times but due to clerical error his account was not put on hold and Mr. Campinha would the account to stop receiving bills.

5. 196 Main Street

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of Sewer Commissioners 196 Main Street is a flower shop that would be changed to a wine bar. He said the owner will be putting a grease trap in, no additional flow is expected, and all paper products will be used with no dishwasher.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Narrows Pump Station- Final Tie in was completed from 10pm-7am on 4/22/21, and the bypass was a CZM Grant (Coastal Zone Management) the WPCF got last year and it took a while for the bid process to take place. The bypass pipeline is getting put into a manhole allowing for the station to be taken offline for repairs in the event of anything.
- B. Bid Openings- Bid openings for the WPCF improvements for the filters and EQ Basins. The first set of bids are going to be the sub bidders, which would be the electricians. Commissioner Slavin noted she stopped by the WPCF and the basins look "beautiful". Mr. Campinha explained the basins will be connected from 8am-12pm on Saturday.
- C. 40B Documents- Mr. Campinha asked the Board of Sewer Commissioners to read the report on 40B's due to the information on utilities and need for housing. He also spoke on another article he sent on aging infrastructure, saying it is concise and has information relating to the items the Board has been discussing.
- D. Wankinquoah- Mr. Campinha said there are problems at Wankinquoah and it will cause a hassle considering Wankinquoah is failing rapidly, and he believes it will come to a point soon the station will not work at all. A quote to repair it for a new one is an average of \$2.2 million. He also asked JC Engineering what it would cost to do some surveying for Wankinquoah, Barnes, Pleasant, and Bayview. Mr. Campinha informed Chairman Giberti the pipe is four (4) to five (5) feet of pipe down 15-17 feet, so dewatering is going to be a major deal.
- E. Mr. Campinha would like to consider putting a 200,000 gallon per day package plant, stating it is part of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). Mr. Campinha believes there is enough enticement to get off septic systems from 45 milligrams per liter to 10 or five in the ground. Commissioner Slavin clarified Mr. Campinha would like to use some of the money for the groundwater discharge and look at the proposed area near the industrial park to put a small package treatment plant.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

- A. Sump pumps –.
- B. Houses not connected to Town Sewer – 35 Sippican has connected.

C. EDU Rates –

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

May 13, 2021 6:30 p.m. Zoom

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:51 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: 

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 6/10/21

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____