

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Date of Meeting: April 28, 2022  
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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  
Sewer Commissioners Absent: Donna M. Bronk

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

### **3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to accept the February 24, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the February 17, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. Abatements**

#### **A. 56 West Central Ave**

i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to accept the abatement for \$666.85 due to the superintendents recommendation. Commissioner White seconded.

ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

**B. 4 Second Street**

i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to accept the abatement for \$665.43 due to the Superintendents recommendation. Commissioner White seconded.

ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

**C. 55 Wychunas Ave**

i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to accept the abatement for \$323.00 due to the Superintendents recommendation. Commissioner White seconded.

ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

**2. Discussion- Moratorium**

Commissioner Slavin recommended reviewing page 10, because due to her understanding even approved projects cannot be implemented. Director Campinha clarified the GHD Document in question is stating if the project has not already been committed to by the Sewer Commissioners, it's a project that should not be done. Director Campinha said it was a good point for Commissioner Slavin to raise to the Board because Mr. Campinha's initial understanding was even committed projects would be stopped. Mr. Campinha called GHD Engineer Russ Kleekamp to clarify the issue. Mr. Kleekamp noted committed projects are acceptable, however it is recommended to not add anymore flow, committed or not. The Board began talking about the outfall discharge, as well as AD MakePeace Commitments, over capacity, and solutions that are being investigated.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned in light of the fact the Wareham Water Pollution Control is at 80% or more [capacity] the Board of Sewer Commissioners reinstitute the moratorium and all applications will go into queue. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Commissioner White asked about the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), and Director Campinha explained within a year all potential solutions or recommendations will be out. Commissioner White believes the only permanent solution is to increase the effluent outfall as well as relocate the outfall. Chairman Giberti believed the Outfall drilling to the Cape Cod canal was ready, but Mr. Campinha reminded the Board the WPCF is at a stage to do plans and present them to the Department of Transportation to allow the project to get approval. He continued and said he cannot give a timeline due to the roadblocks previously and currently. The Board of Sewer Commissioner discussed how to deal with capacity and committed projects, but had a very in-depth conversation regarding Kleinfelder and the Railroad Directional Drilling to the canal.

Commissioner Slavin mentioned when the Board talked about possibly having people come in and take the processed water for irrigation and items similar. Director Campinha explained he did speak with the golf course, but the problem with the commitment would show in the winter when the golf course does not irrigate. Commissioner Slavin also wanted to confirm if projects have not come before the Board of Sewer Commissioners before the moratorium was voted on, the project is not covered under the moratorium. The Board discussed who and where to send the moratorium to for all departments to be aware. The Sewer Commissioners also discussed wanting to attend a Board of Selectman meeting regarding the moratorium.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned the Sewer Commissioners accept the June 8, 2021 Memo and then it becomes a final memorandum of capacity at the water pollution control facility. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Chairman Giberti stated the Queue goes into effect immediately.

**3. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Campinha spoke to the Board about a woman in Swifts Beach he would like to get in contact with to request a hall and what dates would be available for a public meeting. He stated he would also like to send out letters to all of the swifts beach residents regarding the issue and the public meeting information. Mr. Campinha spoke about liability for workers and spoke on the budget with Commissioner Slavin.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)**

**A. Swifts Beach-** The Board thoroughly discussed the Swifts Beach Grinder Pump Project. Director Campinha explained as soon as the engineering for swifts beach is completed, the plan will be sent to the water district for them to review the plans and the water district can locate their pipes. This is prevent contamination of any sort. The sewer pipe has specific distances and different elevations, but when the plans are returned he will allow the Sewer Commissioners to have a copy for review. Commissioner Dunlop asked where the blockage on Wankinquoah is, and director Campinha explained the pipe collapsed at the intersection from Bay Street and Wankinquoah, down to Murphy and half-way up to Swifts Beach. Mr. Campinha spoke more on collapsed lines with the Board. Commissioner Dunlop asked if it would be possible to take all the streets listed above and connect then to Wankinquoah. From there he suggested the wastewater will “drop” into a manhole and bring it [wastewater] up past the blockages. Mr. Campinha explained “anything is doable” however, the cost of electricity, a lift

station, pumps, and more could end up being around the same cost if not more costly. The Board discussed this issue for a few moments.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

6. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

May 12, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320, 48 Marion Road  
Wareham, MA

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to adjourn. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: 

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 0125/22

Date sent to the Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

*vote 4-0-0*