

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

Date of Meeting: June 22, 2023  
Date of Transcription: July 25, 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: Bernard Pigeon  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Sandra L. Slavin  
Robert Scanlon JR  
James R. Giberti

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: WPCF Director, Guy Campinha SR  
Green Sealer Presenters from CF Tech

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. Transfer of Funds**

The Board discussed and voted on a transfer of funds in order to correct payments that have been made through a Town Meeting Account that shows a shortage as well as additional bills that are outstanding. \$300,000 is in the present budget left for unforce seen. The Board discussed some capital items as well as the transfer of funds more.

The board voted 5-0-0 to transfer \$300,000 to the capital line.

### **2. Bourne Invoices**

The Board voted 5-0-0 for the Sewer Usage Fee to be collected from the Town of Bourne for 430,756.25.

The Board Voted 5-0-0 for the Bourne Commitment Share of the FY23 Capital Costs for the WPCF Upgrade for \$188,477.53.

The Board voted 5-0-0 for the Town of Bourne's Share of the FY23 Capital Cost for the WPCF EQ Basins for \$35,551.35.

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

**Article 1** – vote 4-0-1 to place the 36M articles for headworks and clarifier on the warrant.

Article 2 – vote 5-0-0 to place the article to rescind article 15 from 2022 town meeting on the warrant.

Article 3 – vote 2-2-1 to place the article for 300k engineering cost.

#### **Article 4**

Article 4 was discussed by the Board of Sewer Commissioners for the SRF Funding for the WPCF upgrades, approved under Article 18 of the December 14, 2020, Town Meeting. The Board discussed the Article more in depth for a few moments. The Board voted 4-0-1 for Article 4.

#### **3. Green Seal to Biodiesel Presentation- CF Tech**

The Board heard a short presentation regarding CF Tech, the research and development, and the target for the team to reach. The CF Tech Presentation talked about taking grease from the WPCF Greasezilla and using that grease to turn it into biodiesel as a replacement for marine vessels and other uses as a diesel replacement. The presentation continued for a few moments, as the Board members asked a few questions that were answered by the presenters.

#### **4. SRF Extension**

The SRF Extension referencing an article would allow the WPCF to be continually eligible for a grant on the headwork's and clarifiers project. The Board discussed the matter more. The Board voted 5-0-0 for the extension.

#### **5. NPDES – national pollutant discharge elimination system vote to continue 5-0-0**

#### **6. Five Year Capital Plan**

The Board briefly discussed their five-year capital plan as well as the current capital budget.

#### **7. Woodchips Outfall**

The Board heard and discussed how woodchips can help purify the wastewater due to nitrogen removal effects the woodchips offer. A study was done and was discussed during the meeting to show other states have done this project and seen results that were improvements from before the Woodchips were applied in the process. The Board voted 5-0-0 to allow the pilot project for woodchips to begin.

Contracts:

d.r.warren enterprises – trailer rental \$650/mo approved vote 5-0-0

alpha analytical – max 31k – approved vote 5-0-0

new England bioassay – max 12k - approved vote 5-0-0

#### **8. Abatelements**

The Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the abatement for 38 Wychunas Ave in the amount of \$371.50 due to the water being shut off at the street for one year.

#### **SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Campinha presented a Synagro draft contract that expires 6/30. Vote 5-0-0 to accept the contract. Affirm vote next meeting.
- Mr. Campinha discussed the violation of the river and the EPA has told the WPCF the government will need to help with the issue.

- Mr. Campinha also talked about non-flushables as well as the effect grease has on the sewer system as well as the equipment it breaks and causes repairs. Discussed the sewer blockage in the elementary school cased by flushing wipes and tampons.
- Mr. Campinha spoke on miscellaneous items such as pump stations, RFP's and bills.
  - o Mr. Campinha explained the Weston and Sampson bills is due to the WPCF not having any personnel, the WPCF hires Weston and Sampson to help with items that are critical to the WPCF operations.
  - o Vote 5-0-0 to reissue the rfp for the narrows main relining with requirements for the material to be used.
  - o Commissioners requested a list of all pump stations and their condition.

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

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

July 13, 2023 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road  
Wareham, MA

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 9:40 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS



10/12/23

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Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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