

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: July 27, 2023
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Pigeon 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

SEWER BUSINESS

Minutes:

5/25/23 – on hold vote 5-0-0

7/5/23 – on hold vote 5-0-0

7/13/23 – on hold vote 5-0-0

4/13/23 – on hold vote 4-0-1

6/22/23 – on hold vote 5-0-0

1. Second Open-Meeting Law Complaint

The Board discussed how the meeting minutes are not posted on the Town website and they will need to be sent in as soon as possible. The Second request received was from the town clerk indicating an engineering study from 2014 would like to be viewed. The Board of Selectman were still the Sewer Commissioners the time this study was done. The public request form was specific towards the “Master plan for the Town-wide sanitary sewers...” The master plan is currently the 2002 Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The new CWMP is currently being completed.

2. Moratorium

The Board does not have the ability at this time to change the moratorium. A Comprehensive list of all the projects that were approved prior to the moratorium, and some may need to be reconsidered (Due to the Allocation Policy) and this will allow gallons to be considered for a project or projects. The discussion continued.

3. Capital Plan

The Sewer Commissioners discussed the Capital Plan, as everything on the list pertains to the WPCF. There are some issues with the Pump Stations and they should be included in the priority list or the capital plan. Some of the pump stations are in critical condition due to some of their original equipment being installed in the 1970's and still being active past their effective life.

4. Discussion of Special Town Meeting Results

The Board of Sewer Commissioners Article needed two (2) more votes to pass. The Board will need to go back with more information to try and show the public the importance of the contents of the articles being presented. Mr. Campinha explained the \$36 Million is approved, what is trying to be accomplished is to appropriate the funds. The discussion continued.

5. Discussion of Subjects for Workshop

The Workshop date to be determined. Invitations and topics to include: pending projects, board of health, planning dept, redevelopment authority, 40B approval for usage

6. Discussion and Possible Vote Requesting Updated Condition of Pump Stations

The Board discussed this topic earlier in the meeting when discussing the Town Meeting results.

7. Discuss GHD Reports

The Sewer Commissioners discussed getting a USB for specific documents allowing them to be easily accessed and distributed through the board.

8. Discuss Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)

The CWMP is a requirement for satisfying the qualifications to be eligible for the Headworks and the Clarifiers project. The Board discussed the importance of the CWMP as well as some of the contents that will be in the report.

9. voted 5-0-0 to sign contract for Knowles enterprises llc for 50K.

10. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Campinha discussed the duplex on a building permit, the board approved a single-family home and NOT the duplex, which poses a problem, especially with the moratorium. The sewer commissioners motioned they support Mr. Campinha in refusing to give the approval of that connection.
- A blower at the WPCF blew up and the other two (2) are struggling. In the winter months, it will go back to normal because the oxygen demand is not as high in the system. Mr. Campinha also discussed HVAC for the building with the blowers.
- Woodland cove – charged 150K inflow fee. – maybe that should be implemented on other projects.
- Woodland cove requested that grinder pumps not be required – the response – they must be installed.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

- i. Waiting on the Town Administrator to sign off on the web repairs for swifts beach as far as the financing is concerned.

- ii. Narrows Force Main was also discussed.
- iii. No update on ferreira letter or invoice

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

No time or date given for next meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned 8:15 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS



10/22/23
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Date Signed _____

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____