

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: August 12, 2021
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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
Donna M. Bronk
Peter G. Dunlop
Sandra L. Slavin
Malcolm R. White

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Slavin noted there was a formal document presented to the Board of Sewer Commissioners to verify there was no meeting on May 27, 2021 as well as July 8, 2021 and July 22, 2021. Commissioner Slavin also reviewed the June 10, 2021 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the June 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the June 24, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1

SEWER BUSINESS

1. JC Engineering Survey and Plan for Swifts Beach Area

Mr. Campinha explained to the Board of Sewer Commissioners the Wankinquoah line has failed and something needs to be done about it. He continued and said it would be an estimated \$2.2 million to replace the line, compared to the \$1.4 million to do grinder pumps in that area.

Mr. Campinha said the advantages with the grinder pumps is to help eliminate sump pumps and their usage, but he also understands an all solid pipe will allow for no inflow and infiltration. Mr. Campinha also stated the surveying will get to the edge of the road to show utilities, so the Water Pollution Control Facility can decide where to put the grinder pumps. The discussion evolved to include Town Meeting Article information as well as Swifts Beach Road.

Mr. Campinha explained at one point there was a plan to “low pressure everything” in Swifts Beach, because the pipes are getting lots of inflow and infiltration and beginning to fail. The pushback from the Town’s Communities made Mr. Campinha decide to go through the town and do an evaluation.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the JC Engineering Contract for \$48,500 for the Survey and Plan in the Swifts Beach Area. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. GAF Engineering- Lot 2

Chairman Giberti introduced and explained the GAF Engineering Popeye’s request for sewer hook-up stating the restaurant will be 44 seats and around 880 gallons per day.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the Popeye’s request for sewer hookup. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. GHD Gravity Sewer Evaluation

Chairman Giberti informed the Board the GHD Evaluation is a fee of \$21,596. The funding source will be a gift from Walmart for engineering that area. Roughly \$60,000 is left in the Walmart gift. This will eliminate the overwhelmed Kendrick Pump Station. There is an eight (8) inch sewer main which will be made to 15 inches for a few hundred feet and create a collection system underground and gravity to the Thatcher Station. This will be able to take all the gravity flow for the future of the trailer park and any expansions in the future.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the GHD Kendrick Gravity Sewer Evaluation for \$21,596. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

4. Buzzards Bay Coalition Letter

Chairman Giberti introduced the letter to the Board of Sewer Commissioners, explaining it is for the discharge at Mass Maritime. Mr. Campinha said it is a pretty straightforward and Mass Maritime seems very interested in moving forward and so is the Town of Wareham. The letter is in support of that move, and Mass Maritime wants to connect to us and give us their outfall.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the submission of the letter to Mark Rasmussen. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

5. Fiscal Year 2022- First Half

Chairman Giberti noted the first half of fiscal year 2022 is the usage commitment in the amount of \$3,079,431.02 for Bourne.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to sign the letter to Mr. Foster regarding the FY22 Sewer Users fee in the amount of \$3,079,431.02 . Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

6. Wastewater Treatment System Weekend Operation Maintenance

The proposal brought forward was from Knowles Enterprises to provide operational people on the plant for weekend's only. Mr. Campinha commented he has no operators at the WPCF right now and the union is allowing the Water Pollution Control Facility to enter the agreement. The Board discussed some of the amount for the contract and asked questions they had regarding the Knowles Enterprises proposal. Mr. Campinha really extrapolated the fact the WPCF has no operators at the plant other than himself and two (2) other people which puts the plant in a bad position. The agreement is for one year and either parties can give a 60-day notice to terminate the agreement. The Board continued asking questions and speaking on some things, they want legal to review.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the contract for Wastewater Treatment System Weekend Operation Maintenance for Knowles Enterprises subject to final review by legal. Commissioner Dunlop Seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

7. BETA Installation of the Low Pressure Sewer System Project on Wankinquoah

This contract will take place after the JC Engineering contract, by taking the information provided for JC Engineering and then with the assistance of E1 and lay the system out. This is also coming from the Surveying. Beta will take the survey and bring it to the next level and design the system in the road. The Board then began asking questions on the Surveying and things that need to be done. The Board also spoke on pipes and systems and why the surveying is needed. Commissioner Slavin noted "As long as were comfortable that the survey is going to include 4,395 linear feet and the 114 sewer users who will now have to use grinder pumps" and also asked if the sewer users will need to be told about the change. Mr. Campinha informed her he will do door to door, as well as two (2) public meetings and explain why this is going on and why it is the best option. Commissioner Slavin began speaking on meeting with the Swifts Beach Citizens and getting on the agenda as well.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the contract for BETA for \$63,556 for the 2021 Installation of a low pressure sewer system in the Wankinquoah area. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-1-0

8. Root Policy

Chairman Giberti moved onto the Root Policy and claimed it is something the Board should consider. Mr. Campinha said he is requiring it now and spoke on some root issues and said the reason the tree roots are at the sewer connections is because the clay and asbestos pipes did not make a great connection, which allowed the roots to penetrate the line and continue to grow. He stated he believes it is the responsibility of the homeowner. Mr. Campinha has purchased root kill that is free for residents and should be applied annually. Mr. Campinha took some more time to explain to Commissioner Dunlop his through process and reasoning behind this policy.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to adopt policy number 30 Root Policy: All roots that entered the sewer system through lateral connections and other sewer connections are the homeowners responsibility. It is not the responsibility of the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

9. 314 CMR Staffing Policy

Mr. Campinha introduced the 314 CMR 12.04 policy that relates to staffing. He stated "We have specific responsibilities because the grade of our plant. We have a biological nutrient removal plant which requires a considerable amount of

maintenance. We have 45 pump stations [and] 90 miles of pipe...” Mr. Campinha took a good amount of time explaining to the Board of Sewer Commissioners the importance he sees in this policy and the importance of a fully staffed treatment plant.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept Policy Number 31 Water Pollution Control Staffing. No second was given.

10. Old Onset Road

Mr. Campinha explained the location of the project to the Board and mentioned it was a single-family home project. The proposal is to sewer 300 feet down and pay \$52,000 to tie into the sewer. Mr. Campinha said he sees no issue with the connection, and he is asking the proposer to include laterals or caps in the event of a failed system. The discussion continued in length and included topics such as legal questions, the other homes on Old Onset Road, Betterment Charges, Septic Systems and the requirements for Nitrogen Discharge, and prevailing wages. Mr. Campinha said the project would need to be inspected and meet the Town of Wareham’s standards.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the sewer hookup at old onset road. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

11. Sandwich Road Assisted Living- Conditions

Mr. Campinha wanted to “crystalize” his conversation with the proposer as well as approve the conditions. He stated the force main has to have the ability to allow people in the area to connect. The line will connect to the force main on Linwood Ave. There were a few more conditions Mr. Campinha mentioned that the Board discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the six conditions presented. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

12. 16 Swifts Beach Road

The Board spent a few minutes speaking on the location of the project. Mr. Campinha explained the gentleman proposing this project would like to do multi-family homes with up to 15 bedrooms for the project.

13. Buzzards Bay Coalition Letter

Mr. Campinha explained he believes Mass Maritime is bringing in investors and other people to look and know if they have a problem. [Mass Maritime is participating in the Outfall Project].

14. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Dot Meeting-** Mr. Campinha commented on the meeting he will have with the DOT in regards to the drilling underneath the railroad tracks. Their people have reviewed the WPCF's application and the proposal. The DOT has accepted it, but one more gentleman needs to be on board in order to schedule the meeting to solidify everything.
- B. Treatment Plant Project-** First covered basin has begun and the signs for the projects will be going up fairly soon. The project is a one year project and the covered basin will hopefully help with the odor.
- C. Linwood Pump Station-** People have been dumping leaves, appliances and other trash at the pump station which has pushed Mr. Campinha to fence the station in and clean it out. He will also be cutting trees to get better access to the pump station. Mr. Campinha spoke a little more on neighborly-updates from the Linwood residents.
- D. Sump Pumps-** Addressing them on Wankinkquoah Ave and still many more

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

- A. Sump pumps –
- B. Houses not connected to Town Sewer –
- C. EDU Rates –

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

August 26, 2021 6:30 p.m. Zoom

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:39 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 4/20/22

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____