

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: September 3, 2020
Date of Transcription: September 16, 2020
Transcribed by: Christiana Robbins

1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairmen Giberti called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: Sandra L. Slavin
James R. Giberti
Malcom R. White
Donna M. Bronk
Peter G. Dunlop

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. 8-6-2020 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the 8-6-2020 Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1

4. SEWER BUSINESS

1. Wright Pierce

The Board discussed the local limits Wright Pierce will establish for the nutrients and pollutant levels. This will be done by taking a sample from the influent at the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility. They will then look at the facility's nutrient loading and what can be taken without interruption or impact on the system.

The cost would be around \$43,000.00, and the time frame would be an estimated 6-months was established penalties.

VOTE: TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

2. Fall Town Meeting Article- Draft

Mr. Campinha brought it to the boards attention that the State Revolving Fund (SRF) approved the Water Pollution Control Facility for \$9,000,000.00. Commissioner Slavin did not have documents from any previous Town Meetings stating the WPCF is approved for funding. Mr. Campinha and Commissioner Slavin thoroughly discussed the funding of the WPCF. Some of the projects include: \$1.06 million for Miracle Cove, \$2 million for the denitrification filters, and \$2.650 million for the equalization basins. The SRF money cannot cover engineering costs of projects.

3. Wye-Tee Cleanout

The Board of Sewer Commissioners discussed the new policy in place about a two-way wye-tee cleanout at the property line.

4. Kendrick Pump Station

Mr. Campinha discussed with the Board the Kendrick Pump Station repairs. The Board had pictures to view for a better understanding of the amount of corrosion at the station and in the pipe. Commissioner Dunlop suggested possibly enlarging the pipes. This would have to be done in the near future because of the level of corrosion in the pipes. The enlargement would cause Kendrick Pump Station, Thatcher Pump Station, and Springborne Pump Station to possibly be upgraded in addition to the enlargement. The Board continued the discussion with possible plans to sewer Glen Charlie Road to the 7-11. The conversation then went back to Kendrick Pump Station and how it is repaired and operating.

5. EQ Basins

The Board discussed the Equalization Basins bid won by Robert B. Our. The Sewer Commissioners talked about the funds for the projects. This included: \$1.7 million for construction, \$176,000 for engineering, and \$1.696 million for Robert B. Our. There was a remaining \$26,000.00 which was very pleasing for the Board of Sewer Commissioners to hear.

6. Assisted Living Project

The project was approved in 2017 and The Board of Sewer Commissioners allocated 14,000 gallons for the project. There will be a Pump Station and pump into Linwood

Pump Station which is right next to the treatment plant. The building will be anywhere from 4 to 5 stories and it will be a dementia wing.

7. Sea Street

Mr. Campinha talked about the meeting at Sea Street with potential bidders. Mr. Campinha said there were 5 bidders in total, and it was more than he was expecting. The cost will be around \$872,550.00. The cost will be higher because Mr. Campinha wants to use aquatic safe products only. The public will be brought in once Mr. Campinha has a contractor, so between the both of them they can answer specific questions.

8. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Campinha talked about the three-year (3) contract with Synagro. He said he is asking the Town Attorney if it is possible to extend the contract without having to go back out to bid. This will keep the Water Pollution Control Facility's favorable rates and favorable position. There is limited capacity for sludge disposal in all of the incinerators around.

The next subject Mr. Campinha brought up was the 40B developments. Mr. Campinha brought up the I&I charge he implemented for 5¢ per gallon. Mr. Campinha said this money can be used for upgrades of our sewer system pipes, pump stations, and more.

Mr. Campinha then talked about the bills that went out in August. He stated some business owners have called and complained stating COVID-19 caused them to shut down and lose income. Mr. Campinha told The Board he had promised the business owners that called the he would bring it up to The Board of Sewer Commissioners. The Board said there is no policy in place and the water was not shut off, therefore there is not much they can do. The Commissioners said they are paying for storage and it is technically the same thing as a summer home being used two months out of the year paying a full year's sewer bill.

Lastly, Mr. Campinha spoke on the Pump Station at Minot Forest School that has been abandoned. The school plans on building a new Pump Station, which they would like to tap into the Force Main beyond the air relief valve. Mr. Campinha said that others have had permission to do that but we will have bonding in this requirement and the school would be under the same guidelines. The problem with this is the business across the street is tied into the Minot Forest Pump Station. This now moves to who will take care of the Pump Station? The discussion continued and questions of "if" the business had permission to tie into the sewer because it was a private business. Commissioner Dunlop suggested asking for their plans, however it has been over 45 years since the business tied in. The business does have the right to tie into the Force Main however they will have to pay the fees and costs associated with it.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

1. Town Charter
2. Sea St. -
3. Sump pumps -
4. Stone Path – Had sent paperwork; Yet to respond
5. Houses not connected to Town Sewer –
6. EDU Rates –

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Onset Water

Onset Water Department wants \$75.00 from the Water Pollution Control to pay for their Public Request Form. It would be a one-time payment on top of any other fees they decided to add on.

2. Meeting Weeks

The Board held a discussion on possibly moving their meeting weeks to the second and fourth weeks of every month instead of the first and third. Chairman Giberti will check Room 320 availability.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

September 17, 2020 6:30 p.m. Rm. 27

9. ADJOURNMENT

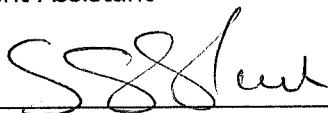
MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned 8:06 P.M
Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins
Department Assistant

Attest: _____



Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 10th / 8 / 2020 *SWL*

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____

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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairmen Giberti called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: Sandra L. Slavin
James R. Giberti
Malcom R. White
Donna M. Bronk

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Peter G. Dunlop

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent
Russ Kleekamp, GHD Engineer
Patrick Tropeano- BOS Liaison

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

4. SEWER BUSINESS

1. Wright Pierce

The Board discussed the local limits Wright Pierce will establish for the nutrients and pollutant levels. This will be done by taking a sample from the influent at the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility. The Board discussed this project at the past Board of Sewer Commissioners meeting however; there was not enough information to make an accurate vote. The cost will be \$47,800.00, and will include pollutants, nutrients, metals, and any other tests necessary in deciding the Local Limits required by the EPA.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the Wright Pierce- Local Limits. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. Fall Town Meeting Article

Commissioner Slavin said Finance did have a problem with how the article was set up. She said we could not apply capital projects that have already been approved, so her statement regarding FY2019 and FY2020 meetings need to be removed. Mr. Campinha then intervened and told Commissioner Slavin we have been approved for the \$9,000,000.00 and we are on the SRF Funding list. If we do not accept the money and follow the correct process given, then the WPCF will not receive the money.

Commissioner Slavin said the \$9M would be used for future WPCF Capital Upgrades approved at Town Meetings. At the meeting Chairman Giberti and Mr. Tropeano spoke on the topic as well. Patrick said a Borrow Article might be needed. A borrow article needs to have a lot of information as well as have bond council and others work on it to make the proper article. Patrick also said this Town Meeting should be used as permission to apply, and once that is complete approval is allowed and another Borrowing Article will be needed.

Mr. Campinha forwarded his information stating, The DEP said there will need to be an authorization to borrow and gave the WPCF the \$9M- which is borrowed from the SRF Funding. Pat then continued his discussion with the Super Intendent and the Commissioners stating, there will need to be a Borrowing Article, however you can ask the last council to put together one and it can be voted on. Patrick also explained to Commissioner Slavin the article can be put on the warrants subject to the Borrowing Article. For further explanation, Mr. Tropeano and Commissioner Slavin continued their in-depth conversation for a few minutes to clarify the remaining few points.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to move forward with the WPCF Article. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

3. Sea Street

The Board of Sewer Commissioners listened to Mr. Campinha explain their Sea Street documents encased in their packet. He said the Letter of recommendation from Mr. Sullivan as well as the bid opening, bid documents, and bond requirements are all there. Mr. Campinha said there is an \$872,550.00 performance bond.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the National Water Main Cleaning Company for \$872,000.00 pending performance bond. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

4. Tom Knapp

Mr. Campinha explained to the Board of Sewer Commissioners the property is across from the EMS building on sandwich road. The property owner is looking to put 12 total units for a 40B application. Mr. Campinha did bring up that there is a capacity study being done for the WPCF and it will be finished by the next Board of Sewer Commissioners meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to hold off on reviewing the project until the capacity study is completed. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

5. Abatement: Account NO. 737012

The Board discussed the abatement Mr. Campinha recommended in the full amount, which is \$626.00. The water for the property has been off since 2018, which exceeds the 1-year minimum.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to approve the abatement in the amount of \$626.00. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

6. Groundwater Discharge

GHD Engineer Russ Kleekamp, reviewed information on the new Safety Complex in Bourne. Russ and Chairman Giberti talked back and forth with some information given by Pat as well. Russ talked about some of his previous effluent projects and explained the process with the Influent Beds. He also spoke on how groundwater would be dispersed so no “high-points” are established. Mr. Tropeano threw in some of his information on Subsurface Disposal. This has a 25-year expectancy, however with this being like anything with continual, detailed maintenance the life expectancy may be more. Russ continued the discussion with deeper information referring to the Bourne Safety Complex along with heightened discussion on discharge beds, layout, etc. The discussion was continued for a few moments more but ended shortly after.

7. **SEWER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Campinha for the second meeting in a row discussed the calls and emails he is receiving from business owners closed due to COVID-19. They feel as if it is unfair the bills are the same however, there was little to no way for them to retain their usual earnings. Mr. Campinha stated that there is not a policy in place because this is a new problem to us as well. Since we do not have a water, usage-based system it is EDU's. Even if zero water is used, a bill is still charged due to the EDU schedule. Commissioner Bronk felt very strongly that if we want to keep the business in the Town of Wareham we need to compromise and help the owners. She wanted to go on record stating she believes we should be doing something for the business owners, as we are a community. Chairman Giberti suggested at the October 8, 2020 Sewer Commissioner Meeting the Commissioners will bring back suggestions on how to better fix this problem.

The next subject Mr. Campinha brought up was Grant Money from Coastal Zone Management, or CZM, will be announced September 18, 2020. This is when we will find out what we received, if the WPCF receives any. We currently have Narrows Engineering, Heinz Resiliency, Narrows By-Pass, and the Equalizations Basins.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

1. Town Charter

2. Sea St. -

3. Sump pumps - Chairman Giberti, Mr. Campinha and Mr. Tropeano spoke on sump pumps in depth. Mr. Campinha said there are two methods commonly used to see if sump pumps are being used. However, there is more that could be done but the question is who has the authority to do such. Patrick suggested bringing people to court although it may work it would be a very long process.

4. Stone Path – Had sent paperwork; Yet to respond

5. Houses not connected to Town Sewer – 3 Applications

6. EDU Rates –

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bourne Meeting

Commissioner Bronk thought the meeting overall went well, but the Bourne Commissioners were trying to emphasize the importance of communication. She said it seems like they would like to work with us and we should continue that relationship. Commissioner Slavin stated she felt the Bourne Commissioners were surprised with some of the projects being done. She wants to see if there is another way to give them more details about projects, perhaps giving them a copy of our contract. Chairman

Giberti suggested giving them budget information at the estimation stage so they have time to move their funds around.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

October 8, 2020 6:30 p.m. Rm. 320

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:43 P.M
Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins
Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 10/2/2020

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____