

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: November 9, 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: Scott Kraihanzel, WPCF Director (VIA ZOOM)
Charles Lombardi, O&M Solutions Consultant
Marc Drainville, GHD Engineer

SEWER BUSINESS

1. Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Slavin Motioned to accept the August 10, 2023 Workshop Minutes.
Vice-Chairman Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes
pending adjustments. Vice- Chairman Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. OSD Contract

OSD is the consultant firm that has been taking the bids for the Narrows Lining
project and they are also involved in the woodchip project.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the OSD Contract for \$105,000.
Commissioner Giberti Seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Abatements

The Board approved the abatements for the following properties:

- A. 1 Nimrod Way; Account NO. 739479; In the Amount of \$371.50
- B. 67 Jefferson Shores; Account NO. 736406; In the Amount of \$743

4. Introduction of Charles Lombardi

The Board introduced Charles Lombardi from O&M Solutions. His contract involves organizational review and a review of various business practices ongoing in the Town of Wareham, with regard to the Water Pollution Control Facility. Charles stated his initial observation really scratched the surface and how the number one (1) priority is the Headworks facility. The discussion with Mr. Lombardi continued. During the discussion the I&I issue was brought up and that was discussed more in depth as well.

5. Swifts Beach Update

The Board of Sewer Commissioners listed to Commissioner Scanlon discuss the Swifts Beach Project. The workers have been very attentive at moving barrels out of the affected areas, power brooming the streets to keep them clean, covering any and all trenches and holes, etc.

6. Must Connect List

The Sewer Commissioners discussed the 'Must Connect List' and reviewed the homes that have been connected. The Board also discussed a few other properties that were not on the list or have not come before the board and seem to be moving the project along. The Board also mentioned the Moratorium and EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Unit). The discussion regarding the moratorium and gallons continued for a while.

7. Vote for the Closeout of Article 17

The Board discussed the Closeout of Article 17. The Article was to resend the \$2 Million for Swifts Beach, it was not completed, therefore it is expected to be at the Spring Town Meeting. The Board also spoke about the Narrows Force Main Project for \$6 Million and discussed the Swifts Beach Project, as well as other various projects and expenses.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to resend the \$2 Million from Article 14 from Spring 2023 Town Meeting. Commissioner Giberti Seconded.

VOTE:5-0-0

8. December 4th Meeting

The Board of Sewer Commissioners Chairman spoke on the December 4th 2023 meeting that he has requested to discuss the continuing expansion with the Bourne Sewer Commissioner Chairman. The discussion around Bourne continued and billing was mentioned.

9. GHD Change Order

The Sewer Commissioner reviewed a contract for \$6,500 however the information regarding the company was incorrect.

10. GHD Discussion with Marc Drainville

Marc Drainville from GHD Engineering spoke to the Board about the several testing sites in town that were preliminary tested to look at subsurface conditions of the sites as well as to determine the groundwater level at these sites. Marc went into more

detail pertaining to the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection), as well as cost evaluations and more.

11. Headworks and Clarifiers Discussion

Marc Drainville from GHD also gave updates for the head works and clarifiers project. Director Kraihanzel has been getting up to speed on the entirety of the project as well as hearing what the furthering designs will look like. A permit was submitted for storm water, which would be on-site at the water pollution control facility.

12. 240 Onset Ave

The Board stated they will be forwarding the request they received from 240 Onset Ave to the Building Department as well as the Planning Department. Chairman Pigeon is to notify the owner, and no increase of flow is allowed under the moratorium.

13. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Mr. Kraihanzel discussed working on restructuring the WPCF to allow for further growth and promotions.
- The WPCF has been cleaning out the areas around where the new Greasezilla will go. He has also been in touch with the people whom are going to be taking the grease to turn it into biofuel.
- The gasification project was mentioned and how the project would include taking solids including municipal waste and have it put through a biological process that will create a fuel.
- The effluent looks good and one project being worked on is a blower so the WPCF will not have to rent one.
- The WPCF rebuilt the police station lift station, and Director Kraihanzel discussed the project more.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board discussed the fact at the September 14th 2023 meeting the dollar amount for the First Half Sewer User Agreement was not completely said which means it was not approved in the full amount.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

November 16th 2023 with Town Council at the WPCF from 1pm-3pm

November 30th 2023 at 6:30pm, 48 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned 8:38 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____



Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 12/14/23

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____