

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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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
Malcolm R. White
Donna M. Bronk
Peter G. Dunlop

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Sandra L. Slavin

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to accept the September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes for approval. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-1

SEWER BUSINESS

1. British Landing Condominium and Yacht Club

Mr. Campinha explained he is unsure how much this should be discussed so he gave a slight overview of the issue. A pump station failed and the entire system was backed up. The lowest point on Main Street experienced some issues, and the debate is regarding an illegal drain.

- A. Mr. Campinha circled back to the Sewer Overflow and mentioned there was some damage to a particular area on the bottom floor. The claim was \$24,000 and got forwarded to the Insurance Company, whom is now conducting an investigation. Commissioner Dunlop and Chairman Giberti continued to ask questions for a few moments.

2. Pre-Treatment Policy

Mr. Campinha explained the Town of Bourne has their own treatment plant and explained the incident that led to the creation and implementation of the Pre-Treatment Policy. The policy states if for any reason Bourne diverts flow to the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF), the Town of Wareham must be notified as well as the WPCF, and their flow may not exceed 200,000 gallons per day (GPD). He said he would also like to share this policy with the Town of Bourne as the WPCF Pre-Treatment Policy. Commissioner White asked about Bourne's capacity, Mr. Campinha explained there is a lot of quaternary ammonia, and that "takes out" the treatment process. The Board discussed the Town of Bourne more.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to accept the policy for Bourne Wastewater Treatment as far as their obligation to inform the WPCF if the flow is diverted. Commissioner White Seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

3. Bourne Letter

Mr. Campinha mentioned a letter sent in June of 2020 relating to the projects the WPCF is doing and the portion of the bill Bourne is responsible for. He stated Bourne claims they had no knowledge the WPCF sent a letter. The letter sent was brief but it did contain information on the projects. The letter may not be specific and down to the penny, but it does state projects are going on at the WPCF.

4. Covid Discussion

Director Campinha stated the WPCF is involved in Covid testing and the reports have been sent to the Board of Health, showing a significant increase. BioBot is the company used by the WPCF and it was created by two (2) women from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and led this change in wastewater that started with opioids. The Covid testing is done twice a week and the sample is sent to BioBot for the results. The sample is taken from Head works at the WPCF and BioBot pays for the sample to be sent to them to analyze. Mr. Campinha spoke on more things the WPCF is able to do with BioBot and the way the information can be used.

5. Wendy's Spill

Mr. Campinha explained there was a spill at Wendy's and he wants to report it was oil and not grease.

6. Bourne Metering

The flow meters for Bourne is in and the WPCF has received numbers but they will not be brought forward until two (2) more locations will be tested to verify the numbers.

7. BioFilter Bid

The BioFilter bid was received and opened for \$500,000.00. The pricing six (6) months ago was \$300,000.00, which shows the price has been gone up substantially in a short period of time. The bid asked for media that the WPCF would be able to get in a decent amount of time.

8. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Business EDU Changes- Mr. Campinha noted he visited a business that has been getting charged 2.5 EDU's but it should be getting charged 5 EDU's. He spoke on how businesses will change the structure or use of a building and not notify the WPCF so they are not being billed properly. He also mentioned the dispensary that would like to be put in as well as a growing area in the same building and he said there is an impact to the sewer system and the WPCF should be paid properly.

B. Project Updates- The Basins have the Wet Wells put in and Mr. Campinha spoke on the construction of the basins. The project is \$10 million and he encouraged the Board to see the construction and components of the project.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

A. Sump pumps – Mr. Campinha is meeting with the engineer to discuss grinder pumps going into Wewehantic

B. Land Search- Mr. Campinha is searching for a plot of land as well as alternatives for a small treatment plant.

C. Narrows Force Main- Chairman Giberti asked if it would be possible to combine the rehab of the pump station along with the force main work. Mr. Campinha explained why that would not be an option for the project, but in some other cases it may work.

D. Funding- Mr. Campinha mentioned he is looking for funds from AARPA, to be used for the clarifiers and head works. Part of those funds that were previously acquired were used for the new pump station.

E. Capacity- Commissioner White asked where the WPCF stands capacity wise and asked about the information in the queue. Mr. Campinha explained the WPCF approved the queued projects and the capacity is being watched. Discussions emerged for a couple moments.

10. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Change of Use & Effect on Flow-** Mr. Campinha explained when an area is getting sewer, calculations are made referring to the gallons each house would roughly produce, and the design is for the estimated gallons. When a two (2) bedroom house goes to six (6) bedrooms that is unaccounted for flow, and the sewer was not designed for the extra flow. Commissioner Bronk voiced her opinion referring to the lack of communication and it is imperative the Sewer Department is informed of Change of Use forms. The Board discussed this issue more. Chairman Giberti suggested on a weekly to a bi-weekly basis notifications should be sent directly to Mr. Campinha informing him of any Change of Use requests.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

January 13, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4-0-0


Meeting adjourned 7:27 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 _____