

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: February 22, 2018
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Giberti at 6:30 pm

Chairman Giberti appointed Commissioner Peter G. Dunlop as Clerk, pro temp.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti
Peter G. Dunlop
Donna M. Bronk

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Malcolm R. White

Also present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) February 8, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to accept the meeting minutes of February 8, 2018 as written. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

(None)

5. SEWER BUSINESS

(None)

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Sewer Rate Survey

Mr. Campinha mentioned a 2017 Sewer Rate Survey which indicated approximate 14% rate increase in the State to address infrastructure repair. The survey list all sewer rates in the Commonwealth for comparison.

2) Woodland Cove project

Mr. Campinha requested support of the Board to send a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals with his recommendations to the Woodland Cove 40B project. The recommendations include: need analysis of sewer pipes, manholes, pump stations, peer review be paid by developers, mitigation of potential grease and rags issues.

Mr. Don Jepson of 15 Long Beach Rd, Wareham raised a question regarding the plant's capacity and Mr. Campinha addressed his question.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved that the Sewer Superintendent send a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals with his recommendations in regards to the Woodland Cove 40B project. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

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VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

1. Discussion of consolidation of Policies #2, #4 and #6 (cont'd from Jan. 18, 2018)
(Postponed to next meeting)

Commissioner Dunlop raised questions regarding residential and commercial/industrial force main connections. Commissioner Dunlop to prepare a draft rewrite of the policies for review at next meeting.

2. Discussion regarding water districts

Mr. Campinha brought to the attention the concerns of the Wareham and Onset Water Districts regarding sharing water meter data with the Sewer Commissioners. He recommends that a limited number of Board members meet with representatives from both water districts to address the districts concern. Chairman Giberti to appoint 2 members to attend future meeting with water districts representatives.

3. Discussion of Town Meeting Warrant Article

Chairman Giberti reported that the Board of Selectmen voted to place the article on the Town Meeting Warrant. He further explained the need for passage of the article to address the seriousness of the work that needs to be done to avoid a potential catastrophe should the lines burst. Brief discussion ensued.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(None)

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next scheduled meeting will be March 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Department Assistant

Attest: 

Peter G. Dunlop, Clerk pro temp

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 3/8/2018

Date sent to the Town Clerk 3/12/2018