

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: March 31, 2016
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: Marilyn J. Jordan
James R. Giberti
Donna M. Bronk
Malcolm R. White
Susan J. Sweeney

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) February 25, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to accept the February 25, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-2 (Commissioners Jordan and Bronk abstained)

b) March 10, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to accept the March 10, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Commissioner Sweeney abstained)

NOTE: The items on the agenda taken out of order are: Waiver of Service; Discussion and vote of Abrahams Group agreement; Video presentation of Bayview St. and Wankinco Ave., and announcement of next meeting dates.

NOTE: Chairman Jordan announced that she would be leaving the meeting and that Vice Chairman Bronk would conduct the rest of the meeting. Chairman Jordan left at approximately 7:55 p.m.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (none)

5. SEWER BUSINESS

a) Abatements

1. 7 Beach St. – Account No. 738629, Map 50D, Lot 20

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Mr. Campinha recommended that the application for abatement for 7 Beach St. be denied as there is not a policy regarding water usage.

MOTION: Commissioner Sweeney moved that the abatement for 7 Beach St be denied as there is not a policy regarding water usage. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. 2421 Cranberry Hwy (Wareham Crossing- Unit 420), Account No. 792859, Map 85, Lot 1003A-1

Mr. Campinha recommended that the application for abatement for 2421 Cranberry Hwy, Unit 420 be denied as there is not a policy for granting an abatement when a property is vacant. Mr. Campinha explained that there is a policy in which the account can be placed on hold provided that the property owner notifies WPCF and follows the guidelines of the policy.

MOTION: Commissioner Sweeney moved that the abatement for Wareham Crossing, Unit 420 be denied and that the policy regarding water shut off be sent to the applicant. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

3. 7 Barnes St. – Account No. 738583, Map 50A, Lot 163A

Mr. Campinha recommended that an abatement in the amount of \$496.68 be granted which represents \$198.68 for the 1st half of FY16 Sewer Usage Billing and \$298.00 for the 2nd half of the FY16 Sewer Usage Billing. As the water to the property has been off since 2010, the sewer user is entitled to an abatement for 1 year.

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved that an abatement for 7 Barnes St. be granted in the amount of \$198.68 for the 1st half of the FY16 Sewer Usage Billing and \$298.00 for the 2nd half of the FY16 Sewer Usage Billing for a total amount of \$496.68. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

4. 9 Cedar Island Rd. – Account No. 792958, Map 52, Lot 88

Mr. Campinha recommended that no action be taken on the application until a response from the Director of Inspectional Services. There are 2 dwelling units on the property and we are awaiting a response from the code enforcement officer.

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved that no action be taken on the abatement for 9 Cedar Island Rd. pending a response from the Building Inspector. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. A.D. Makepeace – assisted living project

Mr. Campinha briefly edified the Board on the A.D. Makepeace assisted living project and the amount of sewer flow rates for this project.

2. Broken pipes

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Mr. Campinha reported of the broken pipe in the area of Roby St. A photo has been sent to an infra structure specialist to determine what is in the pipe. Further camera photos of the lateral to be taken. He suspects that it is a broken lateral. Once the report comes back from the specialist, it will determine how the repair will be done.

3 . Great Hill Estates Mobile Home Park

Mr. Campinha stated that Great Hill Estates Mobile Home Park is ready to go. All conditions have been met. An undated scheduled is requested and that all required permits be obtained before commencing with any work.

4. Town of Plymouth – sewer main corrosion

Mr. Campinha edified the Board of the problems that Plymouth is dealing with as a result of corrosion in the 4.5 mile forced sewer main to the treatment plant. The replacement cost is approximately \$48,000,000 in addition to the cost being incurred to keep an active bypass. In the likelihood that the sewer department does not have the funds, the Town will be responsible. The fact is that where there is odor there is also corrosion.

5. Report on Odor seminar

Mr. Campinha presented some material on some of the courses/seminars he attended while in Wisconsin at the odor seminar. He addressed the need for reconsideration on the primary clarifier project.

6. Air release valves

Mr. Campinha spoke on beginning a program where the air release valves in the pump stations need to be inspected and replaced to minimize the potential of a corrosion problem that could be detrimental to the Town.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESSS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated items)

a) Video Presentation of Bayview St. & Wankinco Ave. including explanation by Green Seal.

Present: Garrett Keegan of Green Seal.

Mr. Keegan presented a video presentation of the problems of the pipes in the areas of Bayview St. and Wankinco Ave. in Swifts Beach. The presentation showed where there are problems with cracks which can be repaired by relining the pipes. The cracks allow infiltration of water into the sewer system. Also presented was video showing root balls in the pipes and a brief discussion as to how to remove/eliminate the roots. Mr. Campinha further explained other problem areas in Onset and Pinehurst with high infiltration. Mr. Keegan demonstrated how the information presented can also be viewed by each Commissioner using the Utility Cloud program. Discussion continued.

b) Discussion and vote on Abrahams Group Agreement

Present: Mark Abrahams of The Abrahams Group

Mr. Abrahams gave a brief presentation of his background and qualifications and explained the scope of work to be done. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved that the Sewer Commissioners approve the agreement with The Abrahams Group for services for Financial Accounting and Reporting of the Sewer Enterprise Fund. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c) Discussion of draft IMA with water districts.

Mr. Campinha reported that Andrew Reid of the Wareham Water Dept would be presenting the draft of the IMA created by Town Counsel to the Water Commissioners at a future meeting. Mr. Reid to then relay to Mr. Campinha the outcome of the Water Commissioners meeting.

An Aside: Commissioner Giberti questioned the status of the IMA with Bourne and also questioned if correspondence sent to Mr. Campinha from the Town Administrator in December, 2014 been addressed. Mr. Campinha stated that all the information requested by Bourne had been forwarded to them in December. Commissioner Bronk requested that she be apprised of communications/correspondence regarding the Bourne IMA. Commissioner Sweeney suggested that the member assigned to the specific SMART goal be given copies of all correspondence pertaining to that SMART goal.

- d) Chairman Jordan appointed Commissioner Sweeney to work with Mr. White of WCTV on an educational program about the sewer system entitled "Wander where the yellow went".

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Waiver of Service – 72 Shore Ave (Swifts Beach)

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Waiver of Service for 72 Shore Avenue. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. LIAISON REPORTS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting scheduled for April 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: Future meeting dates will be April 21, May 5 and May 19, 2016.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Department Assistant

Attest: 

Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 4/7/16

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 4/12/16