

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Date of Meeting: June 23, 2016  
Date of Transcription: June 27, 2016  
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### **1. MEETING TO ORDER**

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

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti, Chairman  
Donna M. Bronk  
Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk  
Peter G. Dunlop

Commissioners absent: Malcolm R. White

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

### **3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a) June 2, 2016

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to accept the June 2, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Commissioner Sweeney abstained)**

### **4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

(none)

### **5. SEWER BUSINESS**

a) Abatements

1. 348 Main St. - Account No. 737476, Map 47, Lot 1087B

Mr. Campinha explained the policy in regarding to Abatements for Single Water Service to properties with multiple units. Brief discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved to deny the application for abatement for 348 Main Street as the water has not been turned off by the Water Department. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

2. 5 Barnes St. – Account No. 738390, Map 50A, Lot 165

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to approve an abatement for 5 Barnes Street for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of FY2016 in the amount of \$49.67 as partial prorate. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

3. 4B Seventeenth St. – Account 791787, Map 11, Lit 14B

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop moved to deny the application for abatement for 4B Seventeenth Street, Onset as the water service had not been turned off by the water department. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

4. 15 Fourteenth Ave. – Account No. 791711, Map 59, Lot W296

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to deny the application for abatement for 15 Fourteenth Avenue as the application was filed after the filing date deadline of April 23, 2016. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1) Sewer Expansion Plan

Mr. Campinha briefly discussed information from BETA engineering about the sewer expansion plan.

2) CPower contract

Mr. Campinha explained the problem with Tier 4 engines pollutant control system. EPA and CPower having a dialog about run time approval. EPA requesting older generators need to be upgraded. Will bring

3) 4 Oakdale Heights Lane - \$18,000 check received for the Sewer Development Fee which was paid in full by buyer. .

4) Greasezilla is fired up and running. Grease will need to be cooked because it was kept too long.

5) New lab assistant (Alana) has been hired awaiting result of physical exam before starting.

6) Pre-treatment program is now tied into SRS funding.

7) Reorganization possible business manager for plant suggested by Mr. Sullivan. To be further discussed at a future meeting.

8) Devaney energy contract has already shown a savings of approximate \$9,000+ over the past 2 months.

9) Next Tuesday Verizon and Eversource blower upgrade program. DEP instituting a program to change to more energy efficient blowers. WPCF uses over 7 blowers to aerate.

10) Bid results

- a) lining of the pipes at Swift's beach - \$195,000 – Warren Environmental
- b) lining of aeration tanks at the plant - \$188,000 – Warren Environmental

11) Odors

Mr. Campinha stated that odors are being checked by Green Seal observers at different times of the day. He is also seeking other methods for a solution to the odor complaints. Possible ideas to educate the homeowners about grease.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESSS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated items)**

a) Discussion with Tighe & Bond

Present before the Board: Michael Schrader

Mr. Campinha reported to the Board that the Wareham Water District decided to forgo agreement for providing water usage data to assist with creating the Hybrid rate system and Discussion ensued about WPCF sending out a survey to all sewer users in the Wareham Water District to see if they want to have their usage based on water consumption. The Board of Sewer Commissioners had already voted on using a hybrid method to establish the sewer usage rate. Mr. Schrader suggested alternative methods to move forward with the hybrid method.

Mr. Schrader suggests a survey saying "we are going to a hybrid rate" how would you like us to calculate the water usage, would you like us to obtain actual cubic feet of usage from the water department or would you prefer we estimate your usage. Mr. Schrader addresses Commissioner Bronk's questions about adding another meter. Factors to consider would be adding additional staff to get data and installation of new 2nd meters.

Discussion continued about the survey and exactly what it would say. Mr. Schrader raises the point that people could question the results of the data because it was collected by the WPCF. Discussion about how that survey could be disseminated.

Mr. Schrader presents other options: 1) Estimated bills would be of use would be based on average of the 3 years for the data that we have currently; 2) Another flat fee system that would accommodate different "classes" of use, residential 1, residential 2, commercial 1, commercial 2 etc. Decide on classes and pick an average number for those classes. This would need a system in place for update/upgrades; 3) Sewer meters could be installed for commercial properties but installation, maintenance and reading becomes another cost. This idea was met with much disapproval. Hybrid rate will consist of a base rate for certain number of Cubic Feet. This is very difficult to do without the actual data from the water department. Discussion continued on whether to survey or not to survey and who would tabulate the data.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop to move to forward that a survey card is sent with the next billing cycle about sewer billing preference using simple language and format to be scanned using digital technology. Commissioner Sweeney seconded

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

b) Review of Policies (cont'd from June 2, 2016)

1. Wareham Sewer Bill (#5) Commissioner Dunlop raises a discussion about wording and adding information about "locking" the water meter.

2. Community Septic System Betterment Program (#6)  
Discussion of fee to be increased to \$1500.

3. Sewer Connection Fee – industrial park or abutting property (#7)  
Discussion of policy to be rescinded.

4. Connection to Sewer Line (#8)  
Brief discussion regarding the amount of work being assigned to Mr. Campinha.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

a) ) Discussion on I & I quotes

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Mr. Campinha recommended the quote of BETA Group, Inc. to complete the I & I study of the rest of the Town wide pipes and infrastructure be accepted. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney to move forward with the bid from BETA for the Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) Study for the entire Town's sewer lines based on the superintendent's recommendation. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Commissioner Dunlop abstained)**

b) Discussion and vote on Transfer of Funds  
(No action needed or taken)

c) Discussion and vote on Swifts Beach Sewer Rehabilitation - Task Order No: 7

Contract with Green Seal to oversee the cleaning and relining of pipes project at Swifts Beach. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved to accept the proposal for Task Order No. 7 from Green Seal Engineering for the estimated project cost or less than proposed amount. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**9. LIAISON REPORTS**

(none)

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**


a) July 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Respectfully submitted  
**Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa**  
Department Assistant

Attest:   
**Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk**  
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 7/28/2016

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 8/1/2016