

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

Date of Meeting: August 25, 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  
Malcolm R. White  
Susan J. Sweeney

Sewer Commissioner Absent: Donna M. Bronk  
Peter G. Dunlop

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

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

a) July 28, 2016

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved to accept the Board of Sewer Commissioners July 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

**VOTE: 2-0-1 (Commissioner White abstained)**

b) August 4, 2016 (tabled until next meeting)

### **4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Present before the Board: Howard Smith of Smith's Cesspool Service

Mr. Smith address the item under Unfinished Business regarding the grease disposal rate. Chairman Giberti allowed the discussion of the grease disposal rate to be addressed under Citizens Participation. Mr. Smith express the concerns of his customers regarding the disposal rate's increase from 10¢ a gallon to 14¢ a gallon. They would pay an additional \$120 for the grease disposal. Mr. Smith stated that the plant was built with State and Federal funds as a regional facility and that grease from out of town and state is being disposed at the sewer plant. Mr. Smith requested that the Board reconsider a lower disposal rate for the local areas of Wareham, Bourne, Marion, Carver and Rochester. Commissioner White stated that he is sympathetic Mr. Smith's request for reconsideration; but questioned the legality of establishing different rates. Wareham's disposal rate is lower than other communities accepting grease. Chairman Giberti agreed there should be a different rate. Mr. Campinha stated that 94% of the grease is from out of Town; 4% from Wareham and 2% from Bourne. The Board agreed to check into the legality of establishing different rates.

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Claire Smith also addressed the Board regarding the grease disposal rate stated that businesses required to pump out 4 times a year would be an additional cost to businesses of \$800 to \$1,000 per year.

Present before the Board: Anne Ames

Ms. Ames of Sandwich Road raised several questions on the issue of odor: 1) were other facilities visited by the Chairman and Mr. Sanborn? – Response was no – Mr. Giberti and Mr. Dunlop will be visiting a ; 2) has report from Tech Environmental been received – response is the report in a draft stage and the final report will be given to the Sewer Commissioners; 3) the grease in pipes causing odor is it from Greasezilla – response was no. The grease is from the sewer lines; 4) questioned when the basin was taken off line and put back on line – response was that the front basin was taken offline in the spring of 2015 and put back on line this spring.

### 5. SEWER BUSINESS

#### a) Abatements

1. 60 Shore Avenue – Account No. 738728, Map 50D, Lot 280

Mr. Campinha recommended an abatement of \$298.00 for FY2017 1<sup>st</sup> Half Sewer Usage Billing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved to grant the application for abatement for 60 Shore Avenue – Account No. 738728 in the amount of \$298.00 for 1st half of FY2017 Sewer Usage Billing as the water has been shut off and meter removed as of February 1, 2016. Commissioner White seconded

**VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)**

2. 42 Thirteenth St. – Account No. 735437, Map 1, Lot 416

Mr. Campinha recommended an abatement of \$596.00 be granted (\$298.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of FY16 Sewer Usage Billing and \$298.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> half of FY17 Sewer Usage Billing) as the water service has been off since October 12, 2011.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved to grant the application for abatement for 42 Thirteenth St – Account No. 735437 amount of \$298.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of FY2016 Sewer Usage Billing and \$298.00 1st half of FY2017i Sewer Usage Billing a total of \$586.00. Commissioner White seconded

**VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)**

#### b) Vote on Release of Lien – 4 Oakdale Heights Lane

Chairman Giberti reported that the Sewer Development Fee Lien for 4 Oakdale Heights Lane was paid in full by the new owner and the Board needs to vote to release the lien.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved that the Board release the lien on the property on 4 Oakdale Heights Lane, owner Patrick J. Flanagan. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-0 Unanimous)**

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- c) Further Discussion on Fall Town Meeting Warrant Article – transfer of funds from Retained Earnings to FY17 WPCF Budget - \$800,000 (Voted to submit on July 28, 2016, and tabled August 4, 2016)

Chairman Giberti reported that there are funds available in the Retained Earnings Account per the Town Administrator. Commissioner Sweeney reiterated that the article is for engineering design for the primary clarifiers to replace the open basins to address the odors.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved that the Director submit an article for the Fall Town Meeting warrant for the transfer of funds of \$800,000 from Retained Earnings into the WPCF budget for the engineering prospects for the primary clarifiers. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- d) Discussion of Submission of Article for Fall Town Meeting Warrant – transfer of funds from Retained Earnings - \$250,000 (tabled August 4, 2016)

Chairman Giberti again reported that funds are available in the Retained Earnings Account.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved that the Director submit an article for the Fall Town Meeting warrant for the transfer of funds of \$250,000 for the inspection of the force main from the Narrows Pump Station to the treatment plant. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- e) Discussion of Submission of Article for Fall Town Meeting Warrant – transfer of funds from Retained Earnings - \$170,000.

Mr. Campinha explained the article is to purchase (2) 200,000 gallon tanks to place in the basins to capture the solids emitting odors from the basin.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved that the Director submit an article for the Fall Town Meeting warrant for the transfer of funds of \$170,000 for the purchase of (2) 200,000 gal. holding tanks for the basins. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)**

### **6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 1. Report of August 10, 2016 meeting and tour of WPCF

Mr. Campinha reported that the meeting at Mass Maritime Academy and tour of the WPCF went well and was attended by representatives from Wareham, Bourne, Marion and the State.

- 2. Report of August 15, 2016 – Army Corp of Engineers

Mr. Campinha reported that the meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers' Regulatory Department indicated there were no issues regarding the outfall project. They will look into the possibility of diffusers in the Cape Cod Canal.

- 3. Dept of Transportation has issued a license to survey the railway and Green Seal is in the process of working of meeting one of the conditions of the DOTY and will begin the survey of the railway.

### **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)**

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- a) Discussion of grease disposal rate (This item was discussed under Citizens Participation)

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Review of Policies

1. Out of Town Septage Disposal Fee (#17)

Recommendation that this policy be removed.

2. Access to Town Counsel (#18)

Recommendation that no action be taken on this Board of Selectmen's policy. Mr. Campinha reported that he has requested to the Town Administrator the hiring on an environmental attorney and that Town Counsel is reviewing the request.

3. Remote Participation (#19)

Recommendation that no action be taken on this Board of Selectmen's policy.

4. Wareham Sewer Policy – Abatements – Single Water Service (#20)

Recommendation – no change.

**9. LIAISON REPORTS**

(none)

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

The next meeting scheduled for September 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

(Proposed scheduled Meeting Dates: Sept. 8 and 29; Oct. 13 and 27; Nov. 10 and 17; Dec 1 and 15, 2016)

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Respectfully submitted,

***Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa***

Department Assistant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

***Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk***

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 9/29/2016

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 10/3/2016