

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: October 13, 2016
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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 Dunlop as Clerk, pro temp

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti
Malcolm R. White
Peter G. Dunlop

Commissioners Absent: Susan J. Sweeney
Donna M. Bronk

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) September 29, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner White moved to accept the Board of Sewer Commissioners September 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

4. SEWER BUSINESS

Chairman Giberti brought forth the Town of Bourne 1st Quarterly Usage Fee Billing in the amount of \$13,795.13 that needs to be signed. Mr. Campinha explained that it is a negative \$13,795.13 as estimated billing is done each year based on budget. Bourne overpaid and needs to be credited. **(No vote taken, but commitment letter signed)**

5. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a) Tech Environmental overview

Mr. Campinha reported the report from Tech Environmental was in draft form. He gave a brief report of what work was performed in 2011 by Tech Environmental. Tech Environmental is now conducting odors emitting from all the open basins, including the aeration basin, sludge holding tank, grease holding tank and air quality sampling. The final report will be published once completed. Tech Environmental also conducted a corrosion survey of the pump stations and lines and they found extensive corrosion.

b) Greasezilla update

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Mr. Campinha reported that there two 10,000 gallons tank – only 1 tank is running. Grease brought into the plant is dumped into Greasezilla then decanted which draws out 30,000 gallons of liquid before cook the grease. The grease is cooked for 8 hours; although, it should be cooked for 24 hours. As there isn't 24 hour shifts, the grease is cooked during normal work day. Until SCADA is connected to Greasezilla, we cannot run Greasezilla unattended. There is 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of grease to be sold. When there is 6,000 to 7,000 gallons collected, then to product is sold. The cost purchase price for the grease has dropped from \$1.00 per lb. to 35¢ per lb. Mr. Campinha reported that currently there 4 persons trained to operate Greasezilla and more are being trained. Discussion ensued.

c) Odor hotline

Mr. Campinha stated that the odor hotline is up and running and presented the necessary computer links to get to the WPCF website and Granicus. The telephone number is 1-844-331-1259.

d) Lab Certification

Mr. Campinha reported that the WPCF lab has been recertified through the EPA. The recertification results in a cost savings to the department.

e) Electro-scan demonstration

On November 1, 2016, a demonstration of the electro –scan of open gravity pipes will be done in the areas of 12th St., Onset (clay pipes), Swifts Beach area (asbestos pipes) and Briarwood Beach (plastic pipes). The exact location to be determined where there will be little traffic impact. The new technology is approved and recommended by the EPA.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

a) Survey results

Chairman Giberti reported that 27% of survey cards were returned with 1244 favored the water districts provide usage information; 119 favored adjustment to present EDU; 194 favored estimate using existing water data, and 126 favored adding water) meters. Mr. Campinha stated that no information had been sent to the Water departments before presented to the Sewer Commissioners.

b) Discussion re: Tighe & Bond

Tighe & Bond not performing any work pending receiving direction from WPCF and information from the water districts. Commissioner White requested that the survey results be passed on to the water districts.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request for sewer connection – off Grove St., Onset, MA

Mr. Campinha edified the Board that the property owner is asking for permission to connect to Town sewer and permission to apportion the sewer development fee over 20 years. Additional details need to be completed. The property owner is working with the church for permission to cross over their parking lot in a direct line to the manhole in Grove Street.

MOTION: Commissioner White moved to grant permission to tie into the Town's sewer system the property owned by Steven Ferraro located off Grove Street, Onset to

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and the request to apportion the sewer development fee over 20 years be also approved. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

b) Other items brought forward (not on agenda)

1. Septage disposal rate for Wareham

Chairman Giberti brought forth the question of the septage disposal rate of 10¢ per gallon for Wareham and asked when it was changed. Mr. Campinha stated that the 10¢ per gallon rate was for Bourne as per the IMA agreement and Wareham's disposal rate is unchanged.

2. Grinder pump issues

Chairman Giberti asked about the problems with a grinder pump. Mr. Campinha stated that he asked the owner of the property to send a letter requesting to be placed on the Sewer Commissioners' agenda and requested that the Board wait until the property owner appears before them to question his problems. Mr. Campinha also stated that the issue with the pumps is disposal of items such as baby wipes and other similar items being placed into the sewer lines. Discussion ensued regarding the responsibility of informing the property owner of preventative maintenance. Mr. Campinha replied that the installers are responsible for instructing the property owner and WPCF only provides the parts for repairs. Lengthy discussion continued wherein Mr. Campinha stated that this item should be placed on an agenda and the property owner be present.

c) Discussion of possible Edu adjustments for extenuating circumstances

Mr. Campinha reported that the property owner of the Glen Cove Hotel wants the water service to be turned on as the renovations continue at the hotel which will have 14 hotel rooms, 20 bathrooms, a restaurant and lounge. Mr. Campinha explained that once the water is turned on, the full EDU rate would normally be charged. He recommends that during the renovation process that one (1) EDU rate be billed until the renovation is completed then the increase EDU rate be billed. The East Wareham Elementary School although, closed still needs the water service to be for the sprinkler system. Mr. Campinha recommended that the EDU rate be also reduced to 1 EDU. Mr. Campinha directed to prepare documentation and present it back to the Sewer Commissioners.

d) WPCF website

Chairman Giberti had Mr. Campinha reiterate the steps for the public to get to the WPCF's website. The path to the website is: www.wareham.ma.us > Departments > Sewer Department > links to Granicus (www.wareham.granicusideas.com) and other sewer matters. The Granicus website contains useful educational information and videos.

Note: Mr. Campinha requested future meeting dates for presentation and report from the Abrahams Group regarding the WPCF audit. Chairman Giberti responded with: Nov. 3, 2016; Nov. 10, 2016; Nov. 17, 2016; Dec. 1, 2016 and Dec. 15, 2016.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting scheduled for October 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Department Assistant

Attest:


Peter G. Dunlop, Clerk pro temp

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Date Signed: Nov 3, 2016

Date sent to the Town Clerk: Nov 10, 2016