

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: January 13, 2022
Date of Transcription: February 23, 2022
Transcribed by: Christiana Robbins

1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Giberti called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti
Malcolm R. White
Donna M. Bronk (Joined 5 Minutes Late)
Peter G. Dunlop
Sandra L. Slavin (Joined 1 Minute Late)

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner White motioned to accept the August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes for approval as presented. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

MOTION: Chairman Giberti moved to acknowledge the August 26, 2021 meeting cancellation notice.

MOTION: Chairman Giberti moved to acknowledge the September 9, 2021 meeting cancellation notice.

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop motioned to accept the September 23, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-1

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop motioned to accept the October 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Slavin Seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1

SEWER BUSINESS

1. JDL Enterprises

Chairman Giberti asked who JDL Enterprises is because it was mentioned in the October 14, 2021 Minutes. Mr. Campinha explained it is a Chinese Company with Chinese Technology but they have a headquarters in Manhattan, New York

2. GAF Sewer Connection

Chairman Giberti introduced the project as well as the location for the request. Mr. Campinha explained the Board is approving 5,250 gallons per day (GPD) for the proposed restaurant. Vice-Chairman White commented the specific details are listed in the letter submitted by GAF Engineering. The Board discussed the connection request for a few moments.

MOTION: Commissioner White motioned to accept the sewer connection as proposed. Commissioner Dunlop Seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. 386-388 Main Street

Mr. Campinha stated he is going to ask the homeowner to reapply due to the fact the home was purchased in February 2021, and abatements can only be granted when the water has been shut off for one (1) year or longer with documentation. Mr. Campinha said February 2022 the property will be available for an abatement.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to approve the abatement subject to the time frame in the amount of \$4,037.99. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

4. 6 Franks Way

Director Campinha stated he has been speaking with the water district and the water district superintendent about the property and the situation. He continued and said the homeowner continues to pay her bill despite the meter being shut off at the street. Mr. Campinha does not want to speak on the specifics.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept Mr. Campinha's recommendation to abate 6 Franks Way for \$313.00. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

5. Tank Incident

Mr. Campinha explained to the Board of Sewer Commissioners a construction worker fell into a tank roughly 16 feet onto concrete and was critically injured the morning of January 12, 2022. The gentleman has head and neck trauma but updates will continue. The incident was not caused by the WPCF.

6. Budget Discussion

Commissioner Slavin wanted to speak on the budget and asked about capital expenses as well as other details. The discussion continued for a few moments regarding the budget.

7. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recertifying Retained Earnings- Funds have been coming out of retained earnings and it needs to be recertified. The SRF Funding will be getting reimbursed.

B. Rate Increases- Mr. Campinha wants to discuss rate increases at the next Board of Sewer Commissioners meeting as well as liabilities. Mr. Campinha noted at the past Sewer Commissioners meeting an itemized budget was passed out. It includes expenditures, incomes, and more.

C. Project Updates

i. **Narrows-** Lining the pipe is approximately \$3.8 million total. The funds may need to be borrowed, so the project is being put out to bid to get hard numbers. The force main is 18-inches and the distance from Narrows Pump Station to the WPCF is around 1.9 miles. Mr. Campinha and Commissioner Slavin discussed the project as well as funding sources.

ii. **Wankinquoah-** the project is projected to be roughly \$2.5 million and payments can be discussed at another time. Wankinquoah has failed and is being pumped almost daily.

iii. **Bay Pointe-** The debate with the new owners and old owners does not include the WPCF. Mr. Campinha wants to make sure the project adheres to the 34,000 gallons per day (GPD)

iv. **Kleinfelder Request-** An \$800,000 request for Kleinfelder to continue was talked about, but Chairman Giberti thinks it may be wise to not continue as of right now due to the amount of pushback from surrounding towns.

D. WPCF Plant Updates- Pillars are ready to cover the basins and the wet wells are in the basins. The Pichu Basin is in, but getting metal and other materials has been difficult. Mr. Campinha commented on an email from Mr. Sullivan stating

it may be wise not to move forward with the project at this time and expend more funds, but it would need to be a policy decision by the board.

- E. Spring Moratorium-** Mr. Campinha stated come springtime he would like to implement another moratorium for issuing capacity.
- F. Minot School Pump Station-** The WPCF does not own the pump station, and with the new construction of the Minot Forest School, the pump station is inaccessible. He stated the new owner will need to figure it out, as he has been talking about the issue for two (2) years and no help from any other departments.
- G. Woodland Cove-** The project has began and they have applied for a 40B.
- H. Littleton Drive-** Calls to Mr. Campinha has been made regarding moving the force main.
- I. Town Negotiations-** Mr. Campinha is hoping the town of Wareham and the workers can get together and get the negotiations where it should be. Valued pay for valued work would help to attract more workers.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

- A. Sump pumps –** Mr. Campinha stated when Wankinquoah is being done, he is looking at using the sewer lines to get the people replaced with sump pumps with two (2) manholes. In the manholes there will be treatment for the water, allowing it to meet MS4 (Storm Water) Standards. The Board discussed this issue for a few moments.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Workshop-** The Board discussed a possible workshop to work on issues more in depth. The date and time is still yet to be determined.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

January 27, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:45 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 4/20/22

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____