

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2021
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Giberti called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: Sandra L. Slavin
James R. Giberti
Malcolm R. White
Donna M. Bronk
Sewer Commissioners Absent: Peter G. Dunlop
Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent
Russ Kleekamp, GHD Engineer
Kenneth Buckland, Town Planner
Mark St. Jean, Stone path Malt

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. December 10, 2020

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the December 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

SEWER BUSINESS

1. Contracts

A. Weston and Sampson- Proposal for On-Call and Emergency Services With Wastewater Pump Stations

The Board of Sewer Commissioners reviewed a contract renewal regarding on-call and emergency services from Weston and Sampson.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the renewal for the on-call and emergency services for the wastewater pump stations with Weston and Sampson. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

B. Weston and Sampson- Emergency Staffing

Mr. Campinha explained the contract to the Board saying as COVID continues to “rear its ugly head” staffing and replacements are difficult to find. This contract allows the Water Pollution Control Facility to bring in licensed operators to staff the WPCF and meet the WPCF permit requirements under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Campinha further explained the Water Pollution Control Facility has yet to use this option, but it is there if it is needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the Weston and Sampson- Emergency Staffing at the Water Pollution Control Facility contract. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

C. Wright-Pierce- Hynes Field Force Main Evaluation: Amendment NO. 1

Mr. Campinha explained to the Board of Sewer Commissioners that the Water Pollution Control Facility currently has a project in place for \$102,000.⁰⁰ for the Hynes Field Force Main Replacement. He mentioned the price will not be changed but the tasks will be in some aspects. One change to the contract is coupons¹ from five (5) high points will be taken and sent to the lab for analysis.

MOTION: Commissioner White motioned to change the tasks presented. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Littleton Drive

Mr. Campinha reminded the Board that Littleton Drive has been discussed before; however, flow is not being granted due to the moratorium. After July 1, 2021, the Board of Sewer Commissioners and the engineers will revisit projects being presented for flow requests. Mr. Campinha also mentioned putting people whom present projects into a queue, allowing for re-visitation of the project after July 1, 2021 and possibly

¹ Coupons- Samples of the ductile iron force main to perform material testing to assess the pipe condition

granting gallons if the capacity at the WPCF allows for more tie-ins. Mr. Campinha then switched the focus to Mr. Kenneth Buckland, Town Planner and his presentation. Mr. Buckland discussed the history of the project, the Town-Meeting that approved Littleton Drive, the Vote for Littleton Drive, the process, comprehensive permits, the schedule of the wastewater flow, and ended the presentation with his request for the project. Commissioner Slavin and Mr. Campinha asked follow-up questions about the project, pump stations, and pumps.

Mr. Campinha asked if anyone doing this project has looked at the capacity of the infrastructure and pump stations that are required to get wastewater to the plant. He continued by discussing the Sewer Modeling Project with Buzzards Bay Coalition, and the model can be used to look at the area being proposed, as well as recommending an impact study should be done. The project will be around 15,875 gallons per day (GPD). Chairman Giberti informed Mr. Buckland that he is unsure if the commitment could be given gallons now because of how much is going on with flow capacity and the moratorium. Mr. Buckland's associate spoke on the construction aspect of the project, claiming the earliest construction would start is January 2022, and the earliest they would need capacity is mid-2023. Chairman Giberti informed Mr. Buckland again that because of the moratorium, no commitment can be given at this point. Chairman Giberti and Mr. Buckland spoke more on the issue at hand with Mr. Buckland.

Please Note: Commissioner Bronk joined the meeting during Mr. Buckland's presentation.

3. Stone Path Malt- Mark St. Jean

Chairman Giberti informed Mr. St. Jean that Mr. Campinha has presented some issues relating to Stone Path Malt, such as the wet wells inability to handle a plug flow of 5,000 gallons in an 8-inch line containing nutrients. Mr. St. Jean insisted his company's interest are "totally and completely aligned". He defended his statement by saying the less water used in the process at the malt factory, "the better my operating margins are". He also stated the less solids sent down into the sewer system, the more grain Mr. St. Jean is able to sell. Chairman Giberti directed the conversation to commissioner Bronk because she wanted to comment on some of the issues, which she allowed Mr. Campinha to explain further.

Mr. Campinha told Mr. St. Jean the Board of Sewer Commissioners is looking for the strength of the product to understand the nutrient value coming out of the malt factory. He would also like to have Mr. St. Jean report Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and the Total Suspended Solids (TSS), for even more knowledge of what waste is being sent to the WPCF. Mr. Campinha then requested Mr. St. Jean does testing for data to be sent to the WPCF and the Board of Sewer Commissioners. He told Mr. St. Jean to get a sample from a plug flow and have that sent to the lab for exact numbers. Mr. St. Jean claims there was an 'agreement' between him and Mr. Campinha for a

test pit to be put in at Mr. Campinha's request. Mr. Campinha explained he does random sampling to verify sampling from businesses, and he does not sample at the cost of the town because the town will not do that in a private business. He then told Mr. St. Jean that he needs to get a sample from his discharge and send it to Mr. Campinha on a regular basis. Mr. Campinha said he will go to stone-path malt to set a date for the future where he is able to set up his sampler and take a sample. Mr. St. Jean said that was not the agreement and stone-path malt paid for their own test pit. Mr. Campinha told Mark St. Jean to send him the notes and the test pit would have never been at the cost of the WPCF. Mr. St. Jean commented again it was not the 'agreement' between he and Mr. Campinha, but he has no interest on withholding information. Mr. St. Jean then showed a sample and said it was from 7pm that night. Mr. Campinha commented there is some turbidity and he is unsure what is in the color. Mr. St. Jean told him he wants Mr. Campinha to sample what is being discharged because he does not 'want that responsibility'.

Mr. Campinha explained what he does for stone-path he does for everybody because he has many businesses in town. Mr. St. Jean said he 'doesn't care' about other businesses and he insists he knows what is being discharged from his facility, but when asked what his BOD is, Mr. St. Jean did not respond to the question. Mr. St. Jean instead said he is not representing anything stone-path malt has done, and Mr. Campinha should test the sample. Commissioner White asked who agreed to the supposed agreement and Mr. St. Jean claims Mr. Campinha did. Mr. Campinha defended himself by saying he and Mr. St. Jean have had discussions about the WPCF doing random sampling and he made it clear is paying for nothing. A few moments later Chairman Giberti told both parties to settle down if the discussion would like to be continued. He said Mr. St. Jean will send his sample out to be tested and send the Board of Sewer Commissioners an IWP Permit with the information. After that is done he said the WPCF will go out and do a test to see if the data is remotely close or match. Mr. St. Jean continued stating the Board of Sewer Commissioners were part of an 'agreement' and he needed to finish explaining what the by-product of his business is.

Commissioner Bronk mentioned it appears the communication between the Board of Sewer Commissioners and Stone-Path Malt has not flowed as if it should have. She said she believes if he communicates as he is doing at the meeting, the Board and Mr. Campinha will be more receptive, and they can give him a good understanding of what the Board of Sewer Commissioners is looking for. Mr. St. Jean and Commissioner Bronk continued discussing the presentation that was given to the Town of Wareham in June 2017. Mr. St. Jean and Mr. Campinha began speaking over one another, which prompted Mr. Campinha to tell Mr. St. Jean to be quiet while he can finish speaking. Mr. Campinha said in the "eleventh (11th) hour" he was introduced to Mr. St. Jean and asked him what the strength of the product is. Mr. Campinha said he was showed projections about a company with the same set up in New York, where he then told

Mr. St. Jean he needs actual numbers and not projections. Mr. St. Jean said he can appreciate that, and he does have his facilities real numbers. Mr. Campinha reminded Mr. St. Jean that Chairman Giberti requested he get a sample and have it analyzed at the lab, and to then send the numbers to him. Mark St. Jean claims he knows what is being discharged from his business and it is “not even close to what you think we’re [Stone-Path Malt] putting down”. Inaudible- Mr. St. Jean and Mr. Campinha were speaking at the same time. The discussion continued for moments longer with the conclusion Mark St. Jean will take a sample, have that analyzed, and Mr. Campinha will do the same. They will then compare data to see if they match or are close.

4. National Water Main

Mr. Campinha began the discussion by explaining that National Water Main did the manhole job in Mirror Cove and did some manholes on Smith Ave as well. Mr. Campinha said National Water Main did test work in the Hamilton Beach area and lined 400 feet of pipe. They found that the specs done by the contractor originally were fiberglass, but National Water Main could not get it through and it did not work. Mr. Campinha said if they did not take the time to do that, we would “have a catastrophe on our hands”.

MOTION: Commissioner White motioned to accept the National Water Main bill for \$35,000. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

5. Russ Kleekamp

Mr. Russ Kleekamp of GHD updated the Board of Sewer Commissioners on various projects relating to the WPCF.

- A. Equalization Basins: Mr. Kleekamp said the EQ Basins are coming along great and the liner should be in the week of 1-18-2021 to 1-22-2021.
- B. SRF Funding: Mr. Kleekamp said the engineers are “feverishly” working on designs for the Denite filters and the odor control. He said the WPCF will have to get a package from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in February that will have to go out in the spring. Mr. Kleekamp said by the end of June, large construction projects will begin coming in for \$5 million-\$6 million.
- C. Generator Project: Mr. Kleekamp said both contractors have agreed to hold their contract price until the Spring Town Meeting for a longer contract duration and reallocation of funds. He said the generators are looking to be started in the summer.
- D. Plant Evaluation: Mr. Kleekamp said the Plant Evaluation is being finished and they are going through different processes.

E. Groundwater Discharge: Mr. Kleekamp said the 'Desktop Evaluation' Phase is completed, which looks at physical sites. He noted the WPCF has a permit for 1.56 million gallons per day (MGD), but the WPCF can treat 2MGD. He said the difference of 440,000 gallons will mean trying to find a site that can do 440,000 gallons for the immediate near term, but also find a site large enough for needs 20-30 years in the future. Within a vicinity of 3-miles from the WPCF only two (2) sites looked usable for the needs presented. Mr. Kleekamp said the first site is the 'Police Station Parcel', which is where the Search Committee looked, and the second site is right on the WPCF grounds. Mr. Kleekamp, Mr. Campinha, and Chairman Giberti continued the discussion about the WPCF infrastructure and what will need to be done if the WPCF permit gets increased to 2 million gallons per day (GPD).

Mr. Kleekamp also spoke on the Littleton Drive Gravity Main. He noted that a project that had been done in Marion, MA would be using the same sewer lines and interceptors.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of Sewer Commissioners of three (3) different possible routes for the Kleinfelder Drilling Project. He said the first possible location is going under Onset Ave, come up by Bay Pointe Golf Course, go back under the bay, and come up at Mass Maritime Academy. The second possible location is approximately 60 to 100 feet below the railroad tracks, and the last location is Route 6 & 28. Mr. Campinha said they are leaning toward Route 6 & 28 because the depth would be less, and it would be possible to go under all utilities. He said the full report will be available in March with the cost for the project and the job will be 14 months before it is completed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

- A. Sump pumps – No update.
- B. Houses not connected to Town Sewer – Mr. Campinha said more homes are looking to tie in and Commissioner Slavin would like to find more ways to get the notices delivered.
- C. EDU Rates –

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Queue List- Make and update a queue list for gallon requests until 7/1/2021.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

January 28, 2021 6:30 p.m. Zoom

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to adjourn. Chairman Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned 8:40 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: 

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 2/17/2021

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____