

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

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2021  
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### **1. MEETING TO ORDER**

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

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Sewer Commissioners Present: Sandra L. Slavin  
James R. Giberti  
Malcolm R. White  
Donna M. Bronk  
Peter G. Dunlop

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

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

A. January 28, 2021

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. 72 Minot Ave Pump Station Connection**

#### **A. EDU**

The Board of Sewer Commissioners reviewed a letter sent in by a gentleman, by the name of Michael Giancola, whom is connected to the old Minot Forest School Pump Station, asking what is going to happen and what he should do with the Pump Station the school plans on abandoning. Mr. Campinha believes the issue is between the

School Department and the Board of Selectman due to the fact the school own the pump station and it is on school property, the Water Pollution Control Facility only maintained the station. Commissioner White said he believes Michael will not be without sewer; however, it depends on who is paying to correct the issue with the development of the new school. Commissioner Slavin asked if someone could reach out to Michael and let him know what his next course of action should be as well as whom he should get in contact with regarding this issue; Mr. Campinha said he would get in contact with Michael.

**B. FY21 Sewer User Fee**

Chairman Giberti noted that the new document being voted on reflects the sewer user increase to \$646.00. Commissioner Slavin believes the Towns People should be notified of the increase as well as the Town Administrator. Chairman Giberti assured her that he would speak with the Town Administrator. Mr. Campinha explained to Commissioner Slavin how the WPCF gets the information ready and checks the EDU rates to put the bills together and send it to Mr. John Foster the authorization to send the bills out to \$646.00 per year.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to send Mr. John Foster the FY21 Sewer User Bills for \$3,072,915.41. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**C. Fees- Drain Layers License and Permits**

Commissioner Dunlop asked Mr. Campinha how old the fees are at the WPCF, which he informed him have not been changed in over 10 years. Commissioner Slavin was unheard by Mr. Campinha therefore Chairman Giberti repeated the question, "Do you [Mr. Campinha] have any idea what other Towns around the areas are charging?" Mr. Campinha said the exact numbers are at WPCF, but as an example said the WPCF is charging \$75 for a trench permit while other towns are charging anywhere from \$200 to \$300. He even pointed out the municipal maintenance department in Wareham sells trench permits for \$125 and he believed the prices should be in the same price range Commissioner White informed Mr. Campinha he has a recommendation to double the fees due to the fact they have not been touched in over 10 years.

**MOTION:** Commissioner White motioned to double all fees that have not been updated in 10 years, and change the repair permit to \$150. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PRICES GO INTO EFFECT ON MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

Drain Layers License: \$330  
Commercial Trench Permit: \$500  
Commercial Permit: \$400  
Residential Permit: \$400  
Residential Trench: \$150  
Repairs: \$150

**2. Minkle Boys Catering**

**Commissioner Bronk joined the meeting at 6:50pm.**

Chairman Giberti asked the Board of Sewer Commissioners if they had any “questions, comments, criticism, or complaints”. Commissioner White asked Mr. Campinha “where do we stand with any outstanding bills to the owner of the building?” (It was cleared up in the discussion later on the bill was between the WPCF and the owner of the Business-Stone Path Malt Factory, not the owner of the building the business operates from). Mr. Campinha said it was a difficult question to respond to due to the fact he does not believe Stone Path Malt Factory was charged as a commercial kitchen, and continued explaining his issues with the tie in. Commissioner White clarified his question to Mr. Campinha asking where does the WPCF stand with the owners of the business, (Mark St.Jean being one whom participated in the January 14, 2021 meeting) and the bio-content of their discharge and the impact study on the pump station. Mr. Campinha told Commissioner White he has not seen a packet from Stone Path like they promised. Further into the discussion Commissioner White expressed his thoughts on the situation stating he does not believe the WPCF should have paid for the impact statement and the issue should be resolved before considering anything. Mr. Kleekamp an engineer for GHD whom performed the impact study read part of the report to the Board, in summary: with all the proposed flows, the Kendrick Pump Station will not be able to handle peak flows, multiple sewer pipes would be over capacity. Kendrick and Thatcher [Pump Stations] would exceed their designed capacity, Spring-born and Narrows [Pump Stations located downstream from the Kendrick Pump Station area] look a little better, but Kendrick would not be able to keep up with the flow from all developments. Mr. Kleekamp informed the Board the cost for the study was \$22,400. Chairman Giberti suggested if the business can not provide the Board with the information requested that becomes practical for usage and the Board should think about using the industrial permit charges and use the industry standard. Mr. Campinha said his only comment is he and Chairman Giberti should sit down and review the EDU’s, Industrial generally speaking, and apply the rates that were agreed on in 1996. The Board continued the conversation for a few moments regarding the issue at hand.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to table the Minkle Boys Catering until the Stone Path bill is resolved in the amount of \$22,400. Commissioner White Seconded

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

**3. Town Meeting Article**

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of Sewer Commissioners he will need two (2) warrant articles, and he would like it to be on record that we [WPCF] have two (2) articles. One is the Emergency Generators that had been approved but the engineering took longer than expected because they needed to be raised and at the end of the fiscal year the money went back into retained earnings. The article needs to be in the amount of \$450,636 due to the fact it is the actual bid amount. The second article is a bill to Weston and Sampson for the rehab of the Smith Pump Station. The company did not bill until after the fiscal year ended, which means the \$11,000 can technically not be paid. Commissioner Slavin told Mr. Campinha the warrant for March Town Meeting has been closed for three (3) to four (4) months now, but he is still looking for the Spring Annual Meeting for the generators and the bill must go in the Special Spring Town Meeting and be done this year. Mr. Campinha and Commissioner Slavin continued discussing the Spring Town Meeting articles and the further details regarding the placement.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to submit an article for Special Spring 2021 for \$500,000 for two (2) generators replacing Spring 2019. Commissioner Bronk Seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to submit an article for Special Spring Town Meeting 2021 to pay a delinquent invoice for \$11,036.38 payable to Weston and Sampson. Commissioner Dunlop Seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

**4. Back Street**

Mr. Campinha told the Board of Sewer Commissioners a gentleman who represented an elderly woman on Back Street in 2012 called again and asked if they would be able to use it [their connection]. It's been granted by the Board of Selectman/ Sewer Commissioners back in 2012, however he wanted to know if the Sewer Commissioners were going to honor or dishonor the agreement because the woman is looking to clear her estate. Commissioner White told him to allow the elderly woman to retrieve her things.

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

Mr. Campinha updated the Board of Sewer Commissioners on the various projects taking place and said they are going great. He said “[We] dug some holes today to the piping, basins are wrapping up and in a couple of months they should be ready for testing, the D-Box went in, and despite the cold and the snow were staying on target”.

Mr. Campinha spoke on when he met with an engineer because the WPCF is 60% on the SRF Funding for the force main which means the funds will most likely be presented next year. He did also he is looking at Smith and other force mains as well as looking into a more do-able way to line the pipes. He said there is technology out of Germany that is a quick installation (roughly one (1) week) which can reduce the bypassing time by five (5) to seven (7) weeks. This can be done by bypassing the flow during the day and put the pipes back online at night. The product also has a 100-year life expectancy, which could be a good solution for the Hynes and Smith force main that need a long term solution.

Next, Mt. Campinha talked about the meeting he had with a group from China that informed him of good technology about decentralization sewer, centralization sewer, and the “terrific” treatment and cost. He said the numbers can go from 45 milligrams per liter of nitrogen can go to two (2) to (3) milligrams per liter. Mr. Kleekamp said the technology was impressive, but the DEP approval process still needs to be done. Mr. Campinha said the footprint is small enough to fit under parks with a low dissolved oxygen level and minimal odors.

Lastly, Mr. Campinha informed the Board he plans on retiring on December 31, 2021 while working Monday through Wednesday due to health issues.

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

- A. Sump pumps – Looking at putting Grinder Pumps in the Bayview, Pleasant, and Wankinquoah area. Also beginning to look into putting Grinder Pumps in low-lying areas of town.
- B. Houses not connected to Town Sewer –
- C. EDU Rates –

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

## **8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

March 11, 2021 6:30 p.m. Zoom

9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 8:40 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: SS8le

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 2/26/2021

Date sent to the Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_