

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

Date of Meeting: February 17, 2022  
Date of Transcription: March 2, 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  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Sandra L. Slavin (Joined 1 Minute Late)

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Donna M. Bronk

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes for approval as presented. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

**VOTE: 2-0-2**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the December 2, 2021 Minutes. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-1**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the December 16, 2021 minutes. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. 386-388 Main Street Abatement**

Director Campinha explained the abatement was previously approved, however an employee of the Wareham Water Pollution Control noted the Sewer Commissioners cannot abate money in a previous fiscal year.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to obey the abatement for 386-388 Main Street for \$2,544.00. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

### **2. Second Half Sewage Commitment**

Chairman Giberti introduced the second half of the Sewer Usage Commitment for Bourne in the amount of \$3,090,518.77

**MOTION:** Commissioner White motioned to accept the sewer usage commitment as proposed. Commissioner Slavin Seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

### **3. Moratorium Status Update**

Chairman Giberti asked Director Campinha what the status of the moratorium is. Mr. Campinha explained there are still numbers being looked at, but last summer the daily average was anywhere from 1.3 million gallons per day (GPD) to 1.1 million GPD. GHD Engineer Russ Kleekamp, is working with the numbers to provide a recommendation. Mr. Campinha said March 10, 2022 the Engineer may have the numbers ready to be presented.

### **4. Fats, Oils, and Grease (F.O.G) Discussion**

Chairman Giberti stated he brought the issue up due to the issues Mr. Campinha raised about grease at the previous meeting. Mr. Campinha stated grease is not going away, but he spoke with the Board of Health regarding pumping records. When they [restaurants] renew annually, pumping records of grease traps will be required. This will allow for follow-ups, and data is expected to be provided in roughly six (6) months. The discussion referring grease continued for a few moments.

### **5. Town Meeting Articles**

Mr. Campinha explained to the Board of Sewer Commissioners financing the Narrows Force Main which is three (3) million, as well as financing for the Wankinquoah project. The Wankinquoah project is E1 systems, which is roughly \$3 Million. The existing gravity system is being abandoned and replaced with closed system grinder

pumps. This will eliminate inflow and infiltration because the system is closed. A discussion on why a closed system is preferred over an open one arose.

**6. Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)**

Director Campinha explained the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) had talked about going to the Cape Cod Canal to evaluate the options for the Town of Wareham for the next 20 years. He also stated even though part of the CWMP includes regionalization suggesting there are other ways to accomplish the goal. The WPCF discussed putting out a quote for the CWMP. Mr. Campinha spoke on the 2002 CWMP as well as information on the current Comprehensive Wastewater management Plan.

**7. Hauler Prices**

Commissioner Dunlop stated he believes the hauler prices are pretty low. Director Campinha said the WPCF did a small local survey regarding haulers prices for septage and grease. Comparing the prices with the surrounding towns, it seems Wareham is prices fairly. Mr. Campinha emphasized the idea of pumping was to encourage people to pump their septic tanks so they would not overflow and cause danger to our waterways. Commissioner White stated keeping the prices reasonable does help the overall intent of what the WPCF is trying to influence, which is keeping our waterways clean.

**8. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Plant Storm Updates-** The Smith pump station flooded with ten (10) feet of water. The motors had to be taken out and have them baked to be put back online. The Smith station was kept going by pumping trucks, The generator at Kendrick was lost, as well as the generator on Oak Street. The generators would not run so they are considered lost. Terry Lane also went down because the battery was gone and the charger was gone. In Parkwood the generators became an ice issue because the regulators that go into the generator, there's a component that ices up and it does not allow the flow of natural gas. In total four pump stations failed to generator related issues. All the pump stations but Springborne is back online- the Springborne fix is roughly six (6) weeks away. Mr. Campinha and Commissioner Dunlop had a debate regarding the generator failures and how it is not the contractors fault. Mr. Campinha emphasized the WPCF is getting a lot of water and those costs are unforeseen and they come out of the budget.

**B. Rate Increases-** Mr. Campinha was told the August 2022 billing will include the increase for Sewer. The increase will not be seen until 2023 due to the timing.

**C. EPA Standards-** Mr. Campinha explained the new EPA Standards are roughly 20 pages, and is now asking for the WPCF to test for PFAS and PFOS. With the new permit saying testing must be done, Mr. Campinha will test the sludge, process, and industries in Wareham. Mr. Campinha concentrated on the fact these

standards are implemented by the Clean Water Act. The new EPA standards also include CMOM which is Capacity Management and Maintenance of the collection system and it requires many things. The penalty and requirements from the permit have been increased as well. The EPA recommends two (2) staff members per ten (10) pump stations to maintain the collection system. April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is the last day to address any comments, questions, or concerns.

**D. SSO Requirement-** Mr. Campinha explained if a pump station overflow or a manhole discharge occurs, he will now have to send everyone in the neighborhood a notice that there has been a breach of the sewer system.

**E. Interactive Webpage-** The permit also requires an interactive website to be up and running by July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)**

**A. Sump pumps** – Chairman Giberti stated sump pumps will be under control once the Swifts Beach Situation is completed.

**B. Sewer Bill-** The Board discussed more details regarding sewer rate increases as well as when it will be implemented, and whom is aware of the increase.

**C. Buzzards Bay Coalition Feasibility Study-** Mr. Campinha explained the Buzzards Bay Coalition is doing a feasibility study for the Cape Cod Canal. It is a total recap of everything that the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Town of Wareham has done through grant funding. The grants are from the U.S Environmental Protection Agency and allow projects to be funded such as the Nitrogen Eelgrass project.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

February 24, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

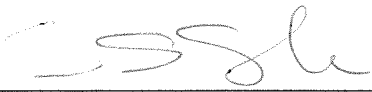
**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 7:50 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: 

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

**BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Date Signed 5/3/22

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