

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

Date of Meeting: February 23, 2023  
Date of Transcription: March 18, 2023  
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  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Sandra L. Slavin  
Malcolm R. White

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Donna M. Bronk

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent  
Russ Kleekamp, GHD Engineer  
Mark Drainville, GHD Engineer

### **3. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES**

**No Meeting Minutes For Approval.**

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. Policy Reviews**

The Board reviewed policies that the Select Board rescinded because they are no longer the Sewer Board also. The policies Approved:

- Residential Connection to Sewer
- Connect Homes and Businesses to the Gravity Mains
- Commercial and Industrial Connections with Sewer Force Mains
- Connect Homes and Businesses to Gravity Mains
- Designation of Agent for Sewer Connections (Whom is Guy Campinha)
- F.O.G. Control Program

The policies will continued to be enforced and adopted by the Sewer Commissioners. Please Note: The Numbers for the policies changed- but ALL policy wording remains the same.

**2. Professional Services Agreement**

The Board of Sewer Commissioners were joined by GHD Engineers to discuss a Professional Service Agreement for work associated with the Fall of 22- Articles 15 and 16- which has to do with the Design Based Services for the Headworks and Clarifiers upgrades at the WPCF for the amount of \$3.2 Million. The language has been agreed upon with the Town Attorney.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the Agreement for Professional Services, not to exceed \$3.2 Million for the Secondary Clarifier and Headworks.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 Done Per Roll Call Via ZOOM**

**3. 2021-WW-01 Change Order**

The Change Order Presented has been reviewed and approved by GHD and reviewed with Mr. Campinha. It includes minor items due to existing conditions during construction, but approximately 80% of the Change Order is for the replacement of the Plant Water System, an urgent repair that is being conducted under the current construction project. The SRF Loan contains a contingency in the amount of \$439,894.00 which is equivalent to 5% of the construction value and the SRF has already been approved.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the change order for contract 2021-WW-01 in the amount of \$340,665.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**4. Additional Denitrification Filters**

A packet was distributed to the Board of Sewer Commissioners to show the activities and level of completion at this current stage at the plant upgrades. The packet included installation of the new Equalization Basins (EQ Basins), including it covered mixers, pumps, and the startup of the control panel is currently underway as well as construction for the three (3) new denitrification filters, which is the second component of the construction project 2021-WW-01.

**5. Connected Properties Update**

The Board received an update for connected properties to sewer. Projects for Hamilton, Swifts Beach, and Oakdale were on the list for potential flow. Another property discussed was Johnson Street- due to an approval from previously it was not listed on the new list.

**6. Revote on Articles for Town Meeting**

Commissioner Slavin re-wrote the article for \$6 Million in engineering costs, due to the funding source being changed to retained earnings instead of borrowing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to rescind the three (3) \$2 Million Engineering Borrowing Articles replace it with one (1) \$6 Million article with funds coming from certified retained earnings. Commissioner White Seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**7. Damien's Food Pantry and 4 Tow Road Gallonage Approval**

The Board had approved a property in September 2022 when the gallons were unavailable. A memo presented by GHD stated there are an additional 50,000 Gallon Per Day the WPCF can accept. The Flow Memo the Board was discussing was from 2018 when the WPCF was having continuous overflows, many developments moving into town, no Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), and some vulnerabilities at the WPCF that led to the moratorium. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the 50,000 GPD, as well as WPCF Flow.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin Motioned to approve the 250 Gallons for Damiens Food Pantry and 2640 Gallons for Tow Road. A Second was given but inaudible.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**8. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Campinha discussed the calls he has been getting regarding multiple properties tied into one lateral. He gave a few examples of the instances and explained he has sent the issue information over to legal for advice. The Board had a discussion regarding this issue.
- Electrical Issues at the WPCF- someone is coming in to troubleshoot the issue.

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

- A. Commissioner Slavin told the Swifts Beach Residents the Board is working on the Swifts Beach issue, but no decision is final/

**1. NEW BUSINESS**

**2. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

March 9, 2023 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road  
Wareham, MA

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 8:10 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: 

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 3/27/23

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