

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

Date of Meeting: February 24, 2022  
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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: James R. Giberti  
Malcolm R. White  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Sandra L. Slavin

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Donna M. Bronk

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the January 13, 2022 Minutes with one correction. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. Spring Town Meeting Warrants**

Chairman Giberti noted the main item for the meeting was Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Commissioner Dunlop asked if the money will be transferred from available funds and authorized, and Commissioner Slavin explained that is why the meeting is being held, to discuss where the available funds are for the projects. Mr. Campinha said he believed the word transfer is misleading because from his understanding, retained earnings is the only place money can be transferred. Chairman Giberti mentioned transferring money from the Mass. Clean Water Trust, and Mr. Campinha explained the application process for that funding is roughly a year and the Water Pollution Control Facility did not apply for it. The Board had a

discussion regarding the Clean Water Trust and applying for funding for projects. Mr. Campinha said funding proposals must be written and submitted in writing what the Town plans to do. Mr. Campinha said it makes sense to apply now for future projects such as the Head works building and the clarifiers. Chairman Giberti asked if the head works and clarifiers projects could go under SRF Funding and Mr. Campinha explained it could, because the project would be an improvement of the sewer system or treatment facility.

Mr. Campinha explained by continuing to do projects and grants, you can get the DEP to advocate for you and your treatment plant and that is very helpful due to they can help to advocate for projects the treatment plant needs. Commissioner Slavin and the rest of the Board continued to discuss the wording for the Town Warrant Articles as well as borrowing funds. Commissioner Dunlop asked more questions regarding to the Clean Water Trust and the funding available, as well as the application process. The Board of Sewer Commissioners spoke on changing budgets as well as contingency.

Chairman Giberti asked what would happen if the WPCF went over the approved money amount at Town Meeting for a project. Mr. Campinha explained the Sewer Commissioners would have to go back to the Town Meeting in the fall. Commissioner Slavin voiced her opinion about the Sewer Commissioners informing Mr. John Foster about borrowing funds as well as the plans for them. Commissioner Dunlop spoke on an overflow in Plymouth, MA and wanted to include some information regarding the overflow into the explanation for the WPCF articles. The Board then began speaking on Narrows and the explanation for the work, as well as pipe life expectancy and the installation.

Commissioner Dunlop also wanted to speak on the pumping trucks that frequently go to and from Smith's. He stated "I can say that because the trucks go by my house every three (3) hours." He also asked if illegal sump pumps should be included in the explanation, but the Board as a whole decided not to mention sump pumps, due to it is unknown whom would create a system. The Board will discuss this issue at their next workshop. The Board of Sewer Commissioners then had a discussion regarding sump pumps and their discharge. Mr. Campinha stated the DPW (Department of Public Works) decided to give treatment of stormwater which is the MS4 program. The Board began talking about the wording of the warrant again.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to support WPCF Articles, one for Narrows and article two for Wankinquoah closed system at swiss beach to be submitted into the Spring Town Meeting. Commissioner Dunlop Seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

2. **SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Campinha did not have a Superintendent Report to deliver at the February 24, 2022 meeting.

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

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Crumpets-** Commissioner Slavin mentioned a project the conservation committee received and she just wanted the WPCF and the rest of the board to be aware.
- B. **Workshop-** The Workshop will be March 9, 2022 at the WPCF Conference room at 10:00am.

5. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

March 10, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 7:15 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

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Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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