

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

Date of Meeting: March 24, 2022  
Date of Transcription: April 20, 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  
Donna M. Bronk  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Sandra L. Slavin

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Malcolm R. White

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

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop stated there was a discrepancy with the February 17, 2022 minutes. The minutes will be postponed until the next meeting, April 14, 2022.

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. Abatements**

#### **A. 8 Surf Ave**

- i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk motioned to deny the abatement for \$161.50 due to the superintendents recommendation. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.
- ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

#### **B. 2991 Cranberry Highway**

- i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to accept the abatement for \$323.00 due to the tenant has been reduced to one (1) EDU. Commissioner Bronk seconded.
- ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

**C. 2 Mattapoisett Road**

i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk motioned to accept the abatement for \$323.00 due to the tenant has been reduced to one (1) EDU. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

**D. 20 Pleasant Street**

i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk motioned to deny the abatement based on the superintendents recommendation and the abatement policy. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

**E. 25 Oak Street**

i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to deny the abatement for \$646.00 due to clerical error. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

iii. Director Campinha and Commissioner Dunlop discussed 25 Oak Street for a few moments.

**F. 6 Allen Ave**

i. **MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the abatement for \$646.00 due to clerical error. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

ii. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

**2. Discussion- Rate Increases**

Director Campinha explained the cost of processing sewer found on the sheet handed out to the Board, is not an exact number but only an estimate. He stated an accountant would need to find the exact number due to the various numbers and variables included in the pricing. Mr. Campinha explained the price for septic is not included because the total gallons a day would need to be done separately, so it is not included in the number presented. Chairman Giberti stated the cost does not figure in the cost of equipment, upgrades, debt services, and other various items. The Board also spoke on borrowing money as well as debt services. Commissioner Dunlop confirmed with Director Campinha the septage rates are going up 2¢ and the grease rate will be 14¢ for all towns.

**3. 72 Minot Ave**

Chairman Giberti stated this particular issue will be “put on the back burner for tonight” due to the discrepancy relating to whom owns the pump station. Director Campinha said in 2012 it was decided the sewer department will not service private pump stations. The Board discussed 72 Minot Ave in more depth speaking on tying into the force main as well as how the school tied in. The past ownership and pump station for the school was also discussed. The Board continued to discuss the issue, but decided it should be continued at another meeting.

#### 4. WPCF Report

Mr. Campinha explained to the Board of Sewer Commissioners the report handed out to them is the report the WPCF submits to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) which includes the plants 12 – month average influent flow as well as the current daily flow. He continued and mentioned the 246,000 committed gallons per day on top of the 1.0399 million gallons per day the WPCF already handles. Together the committed gallons with the current flow exceeds the 1.25 million gallons the WPCF is able to treat according to the permits given to the plant. Mr. Campinha said inflow and infiltration (I&I) from a wet weather event has to have a place to go to be treated, and the basins do not provide enough capacity for the WPCF to not be in danger of violating the permits.

Mr. Campinha is also expecting 20,000 gallons to be put online soon, due to the 50 trailers that will be connected. Mr. Campinha also clarified the 246,000 committed gallons does not include the AD MakePeace gallons. He believes the WPCF has overcommitted and those gallons will need a place to go. He also said the WPCF is looking at for every gallon a user puts into the system, they would need to pay to remove inflow and infiltration. The Board has a short discussion regarding capacity and sewer sign-offs. GHD Engineer Russ Kleekamp stated if a two (2) bedroom home wants to physically add two (2) more bedrooms they would need to get a building permit and he agrees with the Boards suggestion of having a space stating the new flow for the property. From there the WPCF would be able to review if there is enough capacity for the project.

Mr. Kleekamp also stated people may do home construction without pulling a building permit or convert an office to bedroom, and tracking that flow is nearly impossible. He continued and stated the Town of Wareham is doing another Comprehensive Wastewater management Plan (CWMP) and at some point a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) may be good for consideration. A TMDL is a report done by the School of Science and Technology at UMass Dartmouth, and it states how much nitrogen a body of water can handle. The reason Wareham may want to consider the TMDL is because all towns on Cape Cod are putting in Sewer Systems based off the TMDL that requires nitrogen removal. Mr. Kleekamp finished up by stating there is likely going to be additional sewerage required, but none of that is known yet as it will be defined in the CWMP. The Board spoke on the Equalization Basins (EQ Basins), Inflow and Infiltration, the EPA and DEP as well as the CWMP and a Moratorium.

Russ Kleekamp stated he saw a few possible grant sources in a packet handed out to the Board. He said the ARPA (American Rescue Plan) has a lot of money being distributed through the Infrastructure Bill as well as grants through the SRF Program. The Board discussed Grants more in depth and Flow Neutral By-Law. Mr. Kleekamp

explained the Flow Neutral By-Law is when you put a sewer line down the street and do not run rampant with development and only take a one story one bedroom home and put eight bedrooms in it. The Board discussed this more as well as E1 systems, projects and gallons.

**5. 108 High Street**

The Board was presented with a reduction of 120 gallons per day from 108 High Street.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the reduction for 108 High Street. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**6. High Street Duplexes**

Director Campinha explained the road is paved and the proposal is to cut into the road for three (3) duplexes with 18 bedrooms total and a flow increase of 1,760 gallons per day.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the tie in for the three duplexes on High Street. Commissioner Bronk Seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-0 (Commissioner Dunlop stepped out before the vote)**

**7. 434 Main Street**

Chairman Giberti introduced the project- nine (9) town homes at three (3) bedrooms per home for 27 bedrooms in total. The flow will be an additional 880 gallons for a total of 2,090 gallons per day.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve 434 Main Street for 2,090 gallons per day subject to plan approval. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**8. 176 Main Street**

Chairman Giberti stated this is for a restaurant looking for 3,500 gallons per day for a total increase.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the connection of 176 Main Street to the sewer for a total increase of 3,500 gallons per day. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Commissioner Slavin made an additional motion these four projects would be approved only to be implemented once they have been approved by an engineering plan BEFORE the hookup. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

The Board spoke sending a notice to planning and zoning that the tie in has not been approved yet until there is an accepted engineering septic plan.

**9. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Grinder Pumps and Sump Pumps**- Chairman Giberti spoke on Grinder Pumps and Sump Pumps while getting various questions, comments, and further information input from the rest of the Board.

**12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

April 14, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 8:34 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: 

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 8/25/22

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