

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2022
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Giberti called the meeting to order at 1:00 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

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

There were no meeting minutes for approval.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

1. Rate Increases

Chairman Giberti mentioned the rate increases will bring a surplus at the end of the Fiscal Year. Director Campinha commented in the enterprise you can have a surplus and it goes into retained earnings. He also noted having a surplus is a good business deficit. The Board spoke more on the budget increase as well as when the surplus will be seen, and also spoke on the 3% rate increase from January 2021 and the 15% sewer bill rate increase that will go into effect August 1, 2022.

2. Policy Updates/Changes

Chairman Giberti spoke on the Grease Policy that the Board of Health is mentioned in. Commissioner Slavin suggested implementing and supporting the existing policy, making it stronger. Director Campinha noted the Board of Health can enforce the policy. The Board discussed Town Insurance and Grease. Commissioner White suggested a policy that would

be part of the research to establish the desired policy. Mr. Campinha told the Board the current grease policy is based off Taunton's Policy with the Selectman. He continued and stated the Taunton's Policy is multiple pages, so he will review the entire policy for more specifics.

Mr. Campinha spoke on a policy he would like to see come to light, which is related to bedrooms. He stated "...a policy that says if we sewer the area and we designate 330 gallons [for] three bedrooms, you cannot make a seven-bedroom home out of that". This policy will be addressed in the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). A flow neutral bylaw political policy will also be included in the CWMP.

Lastly, Mr. Campinha discussed a policy about coastal zones for closed systems (Low Pressure) so there are no open pipes or granule.

Commissioner Dunlop mentioned the Building Department is giving permits for additional bedrooms and the Board of Sewer Commissioners is unaware, so he believes that should be a policy. Director Campinha said it needs to be a bylaw. The Board discussed the issue more. Commissioner Dunlop believes the moratorium is the only way to get people to listen to the capacity issues. Mr. Campinha stated the Water Pollution Control Facility has committed 250,000 gallons of flow, and that will put the WPCF over capacity. The Board discussed commitments, capacity percentages, as well as projects.

One project discussed was the Wankinquoah lining project due to the amount of inflow and infiltration that is hoped to be removed, as well as sump pumps being removed due to their relation with inflow and infiltration (I&I). The discussion on capacity, I&I, and committed projects continued. The Board of Sewer Commissioners also discussed The CWMP in more depth as well as possible upgrades that will help improve WPCF, as well as specifics relating to the 2022 Sewer Moratorium.

3. Manhole Grant

GHD Engineer Russ Kleekamp mentioned an MVP Grant which is not expected to exceed \$150,000, and this grant is to identify the non-watertight manholes that are within the revised FEMA flood zones. Up to 10 manholes can be done with the grant. Mr. Kleekamp said if this is approved the rest of the manholes can be a focus after, and that will also help with the inflow and infiltration issue.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the MVP Grant Program FY23 for sewer system resiliency upgrades. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

4. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

April 28, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to adjourn. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned 3:25 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: SS Slu

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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Date Signed 12/8/22

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____