

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

Date of Meeting: July 13, 2023  
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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: Bernard Pigeon  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Sandra L. Slavin  
Robert Scanlon JR  
James R. Giberti

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: WPCF Director, Guy Campinha SR  
Ken Foreman – marine biological lab

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. Meeting Minutes**

Accepted 3/23/23 minutes 3-0-2

Accepted 5/11/23 minutes 5-0-0

Accepted 6/8/23 minutes 5-0-0

Vote 3-0-2 to hold 5/25/23 minutes for corrections.

### **2. Staffing**

Director Campinha explained the dire situation the WPCF is in due to such short staffing. Based on a chart made for Wastewater Treatment Plants, the WPCF's 12.04 CMR requires at least 18 staff members, the WPCF currently has five (5) employees to run the plant. Mr. Campinha is working with Human Resources regarding applications and job postings.

### **3. Moratorium**

The Board touched on the Moratorium as well as looking at commitments that have not used their Gallonage and are beyond their allocation. (Please refer to the Jun 4, 2020, meeting for more information regarding the policy made for gallon allocation). The Board received a list of projects as well as the Gallonage requested for the projects. There are several versions of this list – we need to create one standard one.

4. Capital Plan – meeting with capital planning July 19<sup>th</sup> 1 pm room – discussion sewer articles
5. Ferreria letter and invoice for the cancelled swift beach project has been sent to the town attorney for review.

6.. **Marine Biological Lab- Woodchip Effluent**

Ken Foreman, a Researcher at the Marine Biological Lab discussed the pilot study done at the WPCF to look at the ability to use woodchips to help denitrify the wastewater effluent, to help improve the water quality. The executive summary of the research was presented to the Board members to review. Mr. Foreman went into depth on how the woodchips will help with the denitrification process and improve the water quality of the effluent. He also discussed the bacterial aspect of the report, and how the bacteria will also play a role in the process. The discussion continued for a while. The Board voted 5-0-0 to go after a grant for the woodchip project.

**2. Greasezilla**

The Board went over an earlier presentation for Greasezilla and the project will not cost the WPCF anything. The Board voted 5-0-0 to allow the pilot program for the Greasezilla to move forward.

**3. Contracts**

The Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the South Shore Generator contract for \$14,500.00. The contract is for three years.

Confirmed vote 5-0-0 for 3 yr contract with synagro – sludge disposal.

4 ghd change order extensions approved 5-0-0.

Ground water discharge term 7/18/24

Wastewater compressive report term 7/18/24

Kendrick by-pass term 7/30/23

Wpcf improvements term 3/29/24

**4. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Campinha spoke briefly on Woodland Cove and the buildings that are getting ready to connect to the Force Main. He spoke about the grinder Pumps going in, and the non-flushables that cause damage to the pumps will not be the responsibility of the WPCF to replace.
- Hamilton Beach residents are meeting and addressing the root issue in the community. The WPCF has free Root-X for all sewer users at the plant (6 Tony's Lane Wareham, MA 02571 in the Main Office Building). The WPCF also scheduled a Root-X demo for July 17<sup>th</sup> for the Employees to see other possibilities of products. Mr. Campinha spoke on the Grease-X the company carries and the benefits it could have for the sewer lines.
- Mr. Campinha spoke on the elementary school emails that were coming into the WPCF regarding the school pump station. Information regarding non-flushable items as well as the major effects it produces in the sewer system and for the sewer system, as well as the harm it can cause to the environment in an event of an overflow.

- Three Blowers<sup>motors</sup> at the WPCF have failed, and it is around \$10,000 a piece for new blowers, and they are a vital piece of equipment for the WPCF top function.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)**
- A. Article 5 and the full amount for the project was discussed as well as what the money for the project will be for as well as the impact the money could have on the plant and its treatment. Increase in edu rates, 36M project – increase 46.28 and 9M projects (swift(3) and narrows(6) increase 84.54
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
- Workshop scheduled for 8/4 1pm @ wpcf.
7. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**
- July 27, 2023 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 8:37 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 \_\_\_\_\_

*SS Slavin 10/12/23 SLS*