

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: July 18, 2019
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Giberti called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti
Peter G. Dunlop
Sandra L. Slavin

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Malcom R. White
Donna M. Bronk

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2019

Commissioner Dunlop was only member present for June 6, 2019 meeting. Approval tabled until next meeting.

June 20, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motion to approve minutes as written. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

4. SEWER BUSINESS

1. Contracts

a. Holland Company Inc.

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop motion to approve Holland Company Inc. contract extension. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

b. Monson Companies, LLC

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop motion to approve Monson Companies, LLC. contract extension. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Odor Update: Mr. Campinha advised that a product added to break up and get rid of 2-foot blanket of grease. The plant is not accepting it as well as he would like to see, however it is working. The basin is emptied and has been cleaned. Sent test samples to biologist. Will investigate further to find out where the grease came from and the fibrous materials that were found.

Commissioner Slavin questioned if someone was hired to do the grease traps for various restaurants. Mr. Campinha clarified that the WPCF (Water Pollution Control Facility) does have a Pre-treatment Coordinator working on grease. The Coordinator has started with the pump stations and pinpoint which have the most grease. Work from there to see where it is coming from. Commissioner Slavin wants to make sure that WPCF is working on it.

Commissioner Dunlop wants to know if the grease is causing the odor. Mr. Campinha said yes that is the most prevalent factor. WPCF is treating grease with bleach and an oxidizer called protein matrix at the pump stations.

Commissioner Slavin wants to clarify that the Pre-treatment Coordinator is making onsite inspections. Mr. Campinha stated that currently going through the records to make sure compliance is being met, for those that are not visits will be set up.

Commissioner Dunlop questions if the business/restaurants can be required to put the protein matrix in at the business. Mr. Campinha states that could be done, however the ordinance would have to be re-written.

Discussion takes place on why the plant is overwhelmed and if it could be due to rainwater. WPCF is trying to find out why and going to investigate further.

3. GHD PROJECT: Mr. Campinha explained this report is not final report. Once final report done, it will be presented to the board. Advised this report is regarding the odors and creating a secondary diversion point for raw sewage to try to lessen the odor. It will contain partially treated product, which will create an earthy smell opposed to rotten egg smell. Also, touches upon possibility of covering the basins.

Discussion takes place on different points throughout report, Mr. Campinha advises that this is not the final report and it will be presented when finished. Board decides to hold off on questions until presentation of final report.

5. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

1. Sump pumps- Commissioner Giberti wants the WPCF to knock on doors and if they are not let in, wants to fine the resident. Mr. Campinha advised that a policy needs to be written by the Board and WPCF will enforce it.

Commissioner Dunlop questioned if the Swifts Beach homes have been notified about the repair of damage to the pipe. Mr. Campinha advised that this has not been done because contractor has not got the numbers to him. Commissioner Slavin asked if WPCF paid for the repairs. Mr. Campinha said the contractor paid for the repairs so if any money is collected the contractor will get the money.

2. Stone Path – Mr. Campinha advised the report is in, and that Stone Path is over capacity. Mr. Campinha will get a copy of the report to the Board and go over it with them.

3. Houses not connected to Town Sewer—Mr. Campinha has met with Health Agent in Health Department to see if the houses that are not connected can get a letter saying they have a failed system. Further discussion took place on working with Board of Health and if more information for financing the hook up can be given to the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

4. EDU Rates: No update

5. Tighe & Bond- Commissioner Dunlop questioned if the contract is up. Mr. Campinha states yes it is and he will get a copy of the contract to the Board to review. Commissioner Dunlop wants to go on record that if Tighe & Bond has breached the contract that they will go to legal.

6. Sea St- Commissioner Slavin advised she received a complaint there are tracks on the beach that something went off the ramp. Mr. Campinha advised we have been out of that area for a month and we are holding off until summer traffic slows down before doing any further work. In addition, Commissioner Slavin wanted further explanation of testing. Mr. Campinha said it is done at different times and is time stamped. The testing is done inflow, outflow and slack.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM

Commissioner Giberti wants to consider bringing in an independent company to evaluate the system. Commissioner Dunlop asks Mr. Campinha how he would envision the plant. Discussion takes place about how at the time of development of plant they envisioned it, as is, however you cannot predict weather, tides and so on. The only thing that can be done is to meet the guidelines of that particular time, which our facility does meet. Mr. Campinha also points out that there is not a plant in MA that is odor free and not experiencing the same problems that are currently happening in Wareham.

Discussion then continues if covering the basins would be worth it.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

August 1, 2019 6:30 p.m. - Rm 320

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 3-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Malone
Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 8/1/19

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____