

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: August 2, 2018  
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### **1. MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Giberti at 6:30 pm

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Donna M. Bronk  
Malcolm R. White  
Sandra L. Slavin – arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

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

1. ~~June 7, 2018~~ July 19, 2018

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop moved that the meeting minutes of July 19, 2018 be approved with correction to adjournment motion. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

**VOTE: 2-0-2 (Commissioners Bronk and White abstained)**

### **4. SEWER BUSINESS**

#### a) Approval of Agreement

##### 1) A&W Maintenance – Manhole Rehabilitation

Mr. Campinha explained the manholes to be rehabilitated includes Cohasset Road in Indian Mound Beach is where a force main dumps in from Bourne's pump station in Hideway Village and the next 5 manholes. The Cohasset Road manhole is crumbling and is must be rehabbed. According to the Bourne IMA, Bourne is to pay 18% of the cost. Mr. Campinha expressed his opinion to the Derek Sullivan that Bourne should be 100% of the cost for the Cohasset Rd. manhole because this manhole is strictly dedicated to Bourne. Nothing from Wareham goes into Cohasset Rd. The cost for the other 5 manholes should be proportioned accordingly based on the amount of flow from Bourne and Wareham. The 7<sup>th</sup> manhole is in Hamilton Beach which has a large hole. Lengthy discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin moved that the Board of Sewer Commissioners approved the A&W Maintenance for manhole rehabilitation contract for a total of \$39,200 and a breakout be provided for the cost for each of the 7 manholes.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Commissioners Bronk opposed)**

#### b) Sewer Usage Billing – 1<sup>st</sup> half of FY19

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to approve the commitment for 1<sup>st</sup> half FY19 Sewer Usage Billing in the amount of \$2,786,783.77. Commissioner Slavin seconded for discussion.

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Brief discussion ensued.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of the newsletter that will accompany the bills. A copy of the newsletter to be given to the newspapers for publication.

### **5. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **a) Car wash on Cranberry Hwy.**

Mr. Campinha reported that he made a site visit with Inspector David Riquinha and found appalling conditions. A by-pass from the sump pump cut into the sewer line. The by-pass is for sand removal. Mr. Campinha is working with the owner's attorney and that a letter was sent requesting information and compliance within 30 days of documentation.

#### **b) MassCEC grants**

Mr. Campinha reported that he attended the grants award ceremony in Hull where Wareham had received 2 grants – one for pump stations by-pass (Cohasset Narrows and Lopes Field) = \$153,375 and one to address equalization basins concerns = \$63,750.

#### **c) Cleaning of sewer lines**

From Swifts Beach Rd to Ruggles St. pump station, 5 inches of sand was removed from an 8 inch pipe. Additionally, 12<sup>th</sup> Street line was cleaned and cleared of all tree roots. The cost for 1 week is \$9,000 and there are approximately 6 additional areas to be cleaned. This would take another week.

### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)**

#### **a) EDU Schedule update**

Mr. Campinha explained that Tighe & Bond and Mr. Abrahams are working together; however, Tighe & Bond is at a conundrum using basic water use rate and what is needed to operate WPCF. The present rate will need to be expanded. The reports are in draft form and need to be final before releasing to the public. Discussion ensued regarding increasing the sewer usage rate which has not been increased since 2011.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to increase the EDU rate by three percent (3%), bringing the rate to \$615.00 per year. Commissioner Slavin seconded.

Discussion continued. **NOTE:** motion and seconded withdrawn.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop moved to increase the sewer user rate five percent (5%) and two percent (2%) of the increase be dedicated for infrastructure. The sewer rate would be \$621.00 effective immediately. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 Unanimous)**

**NOTE:** motion and seconded withdrawn.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop moved to increase sewer user rate five percent (5%) with two percent (2%) be dedicated for infrastructure. The sewer user rate would be \$626.00 effective immediately. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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### b) Sump pumps

Mr. Campinha suggested a possible workshop meeting dedicated solely to sump pumps and policy or have a public hearing. ~~Commissioner Dunlop suggested that a \$100.00 surcharge be assessed to property owners provided that the homeowner can prove that they do not have a~~ sump pump. Discussion continued including assessment of fines, possible alternatives to property owners with sump pumps. Also briefly discussed is enforcement for violations. Sump pump policy to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

### c) I&I Status update

Mr. Campinha mentioned the expensive list for repairs necessary caused by the increase in I & I and agrees that the 2% of the sewer usage rate dedicated to infrastructure will help defray the cost of the repairs. Again, sump pumps are a large contributor to the I & I problems. Brief discussion ensued.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a) Swifts Beach project

Mr. Campinha stated that the survey has been completed and all easements have been identified. The contract for engineering has been sent to Town Counsel for review and approval. Mr. Campinha stated that the Conservation agent is waiting on Commissioner Slavin to for site visit. The agent is okay with tree and grass cutting to allow access to the pipe and manholes that are in the marsh for the purpose of maintenance.

### b) Status of future sewer expansion

Mr. Campinha reported that calculation of numbers taking actual flow based on water usage is being worked on to determine the total gallons per area which will establish a cost per area.

### c) Status on Outfall

Mr. Campinha explained that the railroad has given permission with conditions. One of the conditions is that a wall must be built the entire length of the track where the pipes will be placed. This cost to build the wall could be prohibited. Other cost alternatives being considered are: directional drilling from the plant to Mass Maritime; going down Routes 6 & 28 and going down Onset Avenue.

### d) Greasezilla status

Mr. Campinha stated that oil is being cooked after being down for approximately 3 months. Parts being supplied by the contractor kept failing. Greasezilla had now supplied the parts and now Greasezilla is back online. There are 2 storage tanks (10,000 & 8,000 gallons) and the grease stored in the tanks is being cooked and will be sold. Brief discussion ensued.

### e) Weweantic River

Commissioner Slavin questioned what is causing the contamination of the Weweantic River. Mr. Campinha explained all the residential development in West Wareham along Main Street, Papermill Rd, Fearing Hill Rd, etc. that are not sewered. Brief discussion ensued about other areas not sewered.

### f) Woodland Cove project

Chairman Giberti questioned if Mr. Campinha would be attending the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Mr. Campinha responded that he would be away on vacation. He reported that the conditions/recommendations sent to the Board of Appeals would have to be met.

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Chairman Giberti requested that a change be sent to the Board of Appeals regarding the new EDU rate. Mr. Campinha to send an email regarding the change.

g) Establishment of Policy

Chairman Giberti wants new policy regarding Bids, RFP and contracted services. He suggested "All bids, RFPs and contracted services will be reviewed upon submission and selected by the Board of Sewer Commissioners/Superintendent prior to forwarding to the Town Administrator for approval." Discussion ensued. Chairman Giberti wants all copies of submitted responses received be sent to the Board before being sent to Town Counsel. It is agreed that the responses would be emailed to the Commissioners.

h) Tremont Nail pump station

Mr. Campinha informed the Board that the pump station at Tremont Nail is owned by the Town of Wareham and is serviced by WPCF. Mr. Campinha wanted to go on record should the Town of Wareham sell the property or lease the property that the pump station should be included in the transfer of ownership. Brief discussion ensued.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next scheduled meeting will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

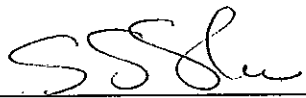
**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa**  
Department Assistant

Attest:  as amended 4-0-0

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**  
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: Aug. 16, 2018

Date sent to the Town Clerk Aug 20, 2018