

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: August 25, 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
Peter G. Dunlop
Sandra L. Slavin

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

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent
Bob Drake, GAF Engineer
Alan Slavin, Selectman

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to table the June 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to table the July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

SEWER BUSINESS

1. Damien's Food Pantry

Chairman Giberti introduced the Food Pantry that is looking to construct a new building on Marion Road. Director Campinha elaborated on the fact Damien's Food Pantry is a critical component for the Town of Wareham, and the new location would

be tremendous for the Town and those in need. A garden will also be included and he believes it is a worthwhile and great project. The board had a discussion regarding Sandwich Road's project and gallons for the food pantry. Mr. Campinha said the engineers presented a project to consider gallons, but the newspaper description was not as conclusive as the letter he read. Alan Slavin, Selectman, stated the property of the food pantry is between Swifts Beach Road and Cranberry Cottage. The pantry has grants but it is moving forward. Chairman Giberti said with the cost of building and everything else regarding permits the project may take a few years.

2. Reign Car Wash

Director Campinha reminded the Board this car wash is going to be at the old 99 location (3013 Cranberry Highway Wareham, MA 02538). The gallons for the project are accounted for and under the permit for the 99 restaurant. There is however, a policy stating gallons are allocated for one year, and if work has not begun in that one year the gallon allocation will cease (Policy NO. 26- Allocation Policy)

3. Abatements

A. 348 Main Street: **MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the abatement for account 737477 for \$646.00. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

B. 348 Main Street: **MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the abatement for account 737476 for \$646.00. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Mr. Campinha explained one property is upstairs and one property is downstairs. One is a business and the other is an apartment, hence why they are billed separately.

4. Sewer Usage Commitment Addition to Bourne

Mr. Campinha explained it is one added customer, but the addition must be done through a commitment which is one EDU for the half a year.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the additional \$323.00 for FY23 first half sewer usage commitment. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

5. Swifts Beach Meeting Recap

Commissioner Dunlop commended Mr. Campinha for how he dealt with some chaos in the meeting. Chairman Giberti believes information should be put together for the residents for information. Director Campinha spoke on Contractors and a Wiring Inspector regarding the meeting. He also stated most phone calls and visits this past week have been very reasonable and very helpful residents. Commissioner Slavin asked

when the contract will start. Mr. Campinha informed her as soon as the documents return then they can proceed with the contract which can take around six (6) weeks. Mr. Campinha went into more depth as to why contracts can take six weeks or longer. Bob Drake stated the documents are currently being reviewed to make sure they are all submitted properly as well as reviewing references for the contractor. He continued and said once that is all completed the Town will send a Letter of Award for the contractor. Five (5) contracts will need to be filled out completely by the contractor. Director Campinha clarified he cannot recommend anyone for contractors, he can only list three to the residents as a minimum. Vendors will have to be trained by the company of the grinder pump and the work cannot be done unless they are trained. Commissioner Dunlop and Mr. Campinha continued a slight conversation regarding contractors and electrical components. Mr. Campinha also stated he is relying on finances because if there is left over money he would like guidance from the financial director. The Board also discussed how narrow the roads are for the work in Swifts beach that will be done. Mr. Drake commented once the contract is approved, there will be a pre-construction meeting and the contractor will submit a schedule.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Campinha said one of the plants issues right now is sludge. There is only two (2) facilities in New England, and the one facility the WPCF uses was closed for ten (10) days. Therefore sludge could not be moved and the sludge blankets are high, and the basins are full due to diverts from the clarifiers.
- The bacteria in the aeration system do not like the heat because the hotter it gets the tightness of the molecules makes the transfer of oxygen difficult. A vendor is coming in to see if a temporary aeration basin would be available to help until the temperature begins to decline. The WPCF is in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and many plants are having major issues as well and its due to high temperatures. The mitigation system cannot be used because it is currently apart because its being built.
- Mr. Campinha touched on the difficulty of having seven (7) operators at a plant that is meant to staff 18 and some of the struggles faced.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

A. 434 Main Street

Commissioner Slavin commented she is concerned about the property at 434 Main Street because 27 bedrooms for nine (9) town houses were approved, anticipating the big white house would be coming down. Director Campinha commented some of the things being done to the home is due to insurance demands.

B. Forest View Nursing Home

Commissioner Slavin commented the Forest View Nursing Home has been empty for a while, and there are plans to put apartments in there, but she questioned the 13,000

gallons per day. Director Campinha commented that was the peak flow and being cautious with gallons the apartments should be allowed 90-95% of the 13,000 gallons per day, however it is the Board's call.

1. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Meeting Article

One Concern is the article was \$6 Million for three (3) projects, but it was thought to be engineering plans. Commissioner Slavin said her explanation sees two (2) major upgrades to WPCF head works and clarifiers and installation on low pressure sewer lines and Swifts Beach are needed engineering plans are required to fully understand the scope and cost of these three (3) projects. This article is for the cost of three engineering plans.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the WPCF 2022 fall town meeting warrant for \$6 million. Commissioner Dunlop Seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

B. Commissioner Slavin asked if anything has been submitted to the EPA Massachusetts to increase the outflow into the river and when was it done and was anything heard back. Director Campinha answered two (2) years ago the EPA and he had sat down as well as BETA and Buzzards Bay Coalition, and they had said no but once there were failure issues and the WPCF could demonstrate it's a full capacity. The CWMP will readdress it and it has already been addressed with DEP because the WPCF is at that position now. Mr. Campinha explained more specifics for the EPA Letter and Discharge specifics. Mr. Alan Slavin commented he has reached out to Representative Keating's Office for a grant around \$60 Million for an in-ground discharge facility.

2. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

September 15, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

3. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 3-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:26 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed _____

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____

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