

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

Date of Meeting: September 15, 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  
Sandra L. Slavin  
Donna M. Bronk  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Malcolm R. White

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

**Please Note: Due to technical errors the September 15, 2022 Board of Sewer Commissioners Video was posted March 7, 2023. We apologize for the inconvenience.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**No Meeting Minutes for approval.**

**SEWER BUSINESS**

**1. Abatements**

- A. 25 Oak Street: **MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to approve the abatement for \$646.00. Commissioner Bronk seconded. **VOTE: 5-0-0**
- B. 13 Pilgrim Ave: **MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motioned to approve the abatement for \$646.00. Commissioner Bronk seconded. **VOTE: 5-0-0**

**2. Grease and Septage**

The Board discussed the grease situation. Between the weather and the conditions there have been odors and grease is a very strong contributing factor. The WPCF has stopped

taking grease because there is no air in the aeration basins. Even with grease and septage off, enough air cannot be made. The blowers are roughly half a million dollars and the diffusers are around \$200,000. Something with this magnitude cannot be ordered, it must go out to bid. The specs are being prepared, and then figuring out how to pay will follow. The discussion on blowers continued and a staff discussion emerged with talk of capital planning and living wages.

### **3. Five Articles for Approval**

- A.** The first article is an engineering cost for the clarifier upgrades, will raise an appropriate or transfer \$2 Million from available funds to authorize for any enabling authority for the purpose of developing engineering plans for capital improvement projects for secondary clarifier upgrades. A clarifier removes solid from the waste stream, and the engineering plans are needed. The current clarifiers are at the end of their use. There will be engineers at the Town Meeting to explain and answer questions. The WPCF is applying for SRF funding because it is a low percent interest through the abatement trust from the state of Massachusetts and the federal government. The discussion about clarifiers and the funding continued.
- B.** \$2 Million for the Headworks Facility replacement. The Headworks Facility is located at the top of the plant and the beginning of the wastewater treatment process with screens and grit removal and electronics. The entire building will be replaces as well as the electronic equipment, screeners, grit removal and septage receiving.
- C.** \$2 Million to develop engineering plans for the conversion of gravity lines to low pressure sewer lines that feed to the Swifts Beach Smith Street Pump Station. Money will be borrowed at 0-2%, and a state requirement is to have engineered plans before applying for the first part of the process.
- D.** Narrows Force Main article is looking to be rescinded for Spring Town Meeting 2022 Article 17 for \$3 Million to line the force main, all bids were in excess of the approved \$3 Million. \$4.6 Million was the lowest bidder for the project.
- E.** The recommendation from capital planning was submitting a new article for roughly \$5 Million - \$5.5 Million. The discussion regarding Narrows Force Main Lining continued as well as questions regarding the by-pass.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept and vote to submit the five articles to fall town meeting. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**The Board voted unanimously 5-0-0 to approve and accept the articles.**

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

- The new basins are almost done- waiting for some electronics. According to the DEP some components just cannot be distributed. WPCF is hoping to get the tank online by early winter.
- Control panels for the filters are being waited on and electronics have doubled in price. A VFD in 2021 was roughly \$2,000 and now it is around \$10,000.
- 6 and 28 project wrapping up in roughly a year. Manholes will need to be bought, and not many manholes are forged in America. 13-16 manholes were purchased and will be paid with chapter 90 funds.
- Great Hill is putting in 100 grinder pumps and 4 trailers per grinder pump. The new owners contacted the board of health and they have a tremendous amount of failed septic systems which has impacted the head of the Weewecantic river. There is probably going to be 14 units times 4 homes coming online within a few weeks.
- A project is being done off of Kendrick because the Pump Station is already maxed out the allocated flow and the station is beginning to overflow. A flow meter is being put in at the end of Kendrick to monitor the trailer park.
- The water tight doors are on the pump stations- Narrows, Heinz and Cohasset.
- Comprehensive Wastewater management Plan is being started and will be a series of meetings and workshops. The CWMP will address what is going to happen within the town for the next 20 years. The CWMP is required through the DEP, and many public meetings should happen.
- One generator for Salt Works is on the platform and is completely up and done. The other generator at Terry Lane is still needing a few components.

The Board had small discussions regarding Kendrick Pump Station, Great Hill, Money, Outfall Increase and the CWMP.

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

### **1. NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

September 29, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 7:50 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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*approved 5/11/23  
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**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date sent to the Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_