

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: September 14, 2023
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Pigeon called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: Bernard Pigeon
Peter G. Dunlop
Sandra L. Slavin (Joined VIA Phone Call)
Robert Scanlon JR
James R. Giberti

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: WPCF Director, Guy Campinha SR

SEWER BUSINESS

1. First Half Sewer Users Fee Agreement

The Board voted to approve the letter from Mr. Foster, the Town Treasurer, as the Boards first half commitment for FY2024 in the amount of \$495.33.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Abatements

The Board reviewed and approved the following abatements with a **5-0-0 Vote**:

- A. 38 Wychunas Ave- Account NO. 739202: \$746 and the account will be placed on hold immediately
- B. 760 Main Street- Account NO. 738109: \$6,575.55 and the account will be reduced to 1 EDU
- C. 157 Swifts Beach Road- Account NO. 738592: \$370.75 and the account will be placed on hold immediately.

3. Discussion and Vote on the Chairman and Town Administrators Recommendation for the WPCF Director's Position

The Sewer Commissioners discussed the nine (9) applicants whom applied for the directors position down to the last two (2) applicants whom made it to the final interviews. The final candidate was Scott Kraihanzel, who has many years experience at Weston and Sampson.

VOTE: 5-0-0 to hire Scott Kraihanzel

4. O M Solutions- Charles Lombardi

The Board discussed a principle contractor for an organizational review and evaluation of the operations. The number negotiated was around \$75,000.00, and Commissioner Slavin asked where exactly the funding was coming from, but the Director will get back to the board with a solid answer because he is unsure exactly where the funds are from.

VOTE: 5-0-0 to support the hiring of O&M Solutions

5. Discussion and Vote on Town Meeting Article

The Town Meeting Article regarding the Headworks and Clarifiers was updated and revised. The revision included only the explanation for the project. The board voted to submit the article for the Town Meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

6. Discussion for Lifting the Moratorium

The Sewer Commissioners tabled the discussion regarding the criteria for the moratorium because Commissioner Slavin would like to be in person or over ZOOM to participate in the discussion more.

7. Proposed Expansions

The Sewer Commissioners discussed proposed expansions for the WPCF outfall which could allow for more gallons to be added to the system. The Board and Mr. Campinha want to let the public know they are searching for solutions for the WPCF Outfall and other proposed expansion ideas. The discussion continued.

8. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Campinha discussed the Smart Covers acquired for a few more manholes. This will allow for much easier monitoring of Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) in the sewer system, and it can let an alarm out when the water levels are getting to high within a pipe so an SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) can be avoided. There are around eight (8) total Smart Covers.
- The Outfall Numbers for nitrogen are below one (1) milligram per liter of nitrogen. The Agawam River is also tested consistently due to that being the outfall point. The wildlife in the river is improving and thriving.
- Mr. Campinha touched on the Maintenance Tool provided in work with the Buzzards Bay Coalition that is able to show exactly how added gallons will affect the sewer system and what can happen in a specific area if flow were to be added.
- A new Vactor Truck Driver has started, and he began his safety training at the WPCF. He will begin pumping lines soon, and he will be part of the CMOM program.
- Compressor Training was performed at the WPCF today in preparation for a possible weekend storm. The practice was for all staff in case of any emergencies.

- A letter from Synagro regarding the transportation of sludge back to Woonsocket is a possibility and that will save the WPCF money. Currently trucking the sludge to Maine is around \$147,000.00 whereas going to Woonsocket will be around \$46,000.00.
- The EPA is debating on expanding the permit to November 31 instead of October 31 due to increasing temperatures. The Weather has been warmer longer which means more activity in the river for longer periods of time.
- The RFP for the Narrows Pipe Lining is out and everything is located on the Town of Wareham's Website under "Bids & RFPS"
- WCTV is coming to the WPCF to record videos and make a small video on how a treatment plant works as well as what goes on underground when wastewater leaved your home.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

- i.** September 21, 2023 GHD Engineering will be doing a presentation for the Sewer Commissioners, and the Bourne Sewer Commissioners will have a Joint Meeting with the Wareham Sewer Commissioners September 28, 2023.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

September 21, 2023 time: TDB Meeting with GHD Engineering

September 28, 2023 Time: 6:30pm Meeting with Bourne Sewer Commissioners

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:30 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: 

accepted 5-0-0

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed _____

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____