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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: September 23, 2021
Date of Transcription: December 6, 2021
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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
Donna M. Bronk
Peter G. Dunlop
Sandra L. Slavin

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Malcolm R. White

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

There were no meeting minutes for approval at this meeting.

SEWER BUSINESS

1. 6 Franks Way

Chairman Giberti informed the Board the abatement request is for \$699.01 and the superintendent recommendation is to deny the abatement. Mr. Campinha stated his reasoning is due to the property has a seasonal shut off and remains in the home during renovations. He said the abatement criteria stated the water must be shut off for one (1) full year and he can not abate the property.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to deny the abatement for 6 Franks Way per the superintendent recommendation. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. 2 Grey Street

The abatement request is in the amount of \$538.30 for 2 Grey Street.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to accept the abatement in the amount of \$538.30 per the superintendent recommendation. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

3. 6 Allen Ave

Chairman Giberti stated this abatement is for \$646.00 on 6 Allen Ave. Mr. Campinha explained he did an on-site inspection and stated the planned apartment was never done, and the home should be reduced to one (1) Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU), instead of being billed as two (2) EDU's. .

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to approve the \$646.00 for 6 Allen Ave based off the superintendent recommendation. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

4. 59B Gibbs Ave

Mr. Campinha explained the abatement request should be for \$323, due to one of the two properties on the lot have sewer, while the other property does not.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to approve the abatement for 59B Gibbs Ave in the amount of \$323 based off the superintendent recommendation. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

5. 146 Cromesett Letter

Mr. Campinha explained Mr. Priolo owns a piece of property that surrounds the pump station on Cromesett, and a piece of property behind the station that is tied into sewer. Mr. Campinha continued explaining Mr. Priolo would like to connect the front lot to the manhole in front of his property, and he believes Mr. Priolo should be able to tie in. Mr. Campinha said per his conversation with Mr. Priolo, he was told elevation will not be an issue, and the pipe will not be in water. He then took some time to explain betterment charges to the Board of Sewer Commissioners for more information. Commissioner Dunlop and Mr. Campinha had a very informative conversation consisting of questions relating to grinder pumps and policies, flushable and non-flushables, and more.

Mr. Campinha explained why grinder pumps are important as well as the positive effects they would have on the treatment process. He stated it would be very difficult

to implement a policy requiring grinder pumps in an area that is located out of the water table. He continued and stated the Town of Wareham is going to do grinder pumps on Wankinquoah, which the town will own and maintain, however if the Town needs to go to that property because of flushables plugging the pumps, the service cost will be on the homeowner. Chairman Giberti stated grinder pumps would be beneficial throughout the system but the homeowner would be responsible for ongoing maintenance. Mr. Campinha stated "I'm really adamant about this, the only thing that you flush down a toilet is what you naturally put in there and white toilet paper." And continued to explain and talk about non-flushable material and their effects to the wastewater system.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the sewer hookup at 146 Cromesett. The discussion continued for a short while after Commissioner Slavin's motion relating more on grinder pumps and the policies. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Main Street Sink Hole-** Mr. Campinha explained the street between Cumberland farms and speedway has a sinkhole. He stated when a monitoring well was put in [it was done around 2013] through a sewer pipe and cracked it. He spent a few minutes explaining to the Board what the repair process will be and how much it will cost to repair the cracked line. He also spoke on the findings of inside the pipe and gave more information on the sinkhole, along with Department of Environmental Protection contamination documents.
- B. Minot Ave Lots 1 to 3-** Mr. Campinha stated permission was given to allow the property owner to connect to the force main, but it is difficult to get a police detail. He does not want to close Minot Ave without a police detail due to the instilled fear that would cause a little chaos and pushback. The Minot Ave conditions need to be met in order to tie into the force main, and one condition was police detail. Mr. Campinha understands there are other details going on and said he is not complaining, he understands.
- C. Dicks Pond Rumor-** Mr. Campinha addressed the rumor that the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility pumped sewer into dicks pond for 12 hours. Mr. Campinha said that is incorrect and if that was happening, the WPCF needs to be alerted immediately.
- D. Bliss Foundation Letter-** Mr. Campinha talked about the letter he has sent to the Bliss Foundation in regards to the 45 acre parcel behind Walmart, in regards to put a pump station or decentralized treatment plant there to help alleviate the flow from

the Industrial Park and Trailer Park to the Kendrick Pump Station. He said he hopes they get back to him so he can get on the agenda and make a presentation.

- E. Plant Project-** The metal for the covered basin is at the plant and the holes for the denite filters have been dug as well. Mr. Campinha took some time to talk more about non-flushable material and the effects it has on the equipment at the wastewater treatment plant.
- F. Tree Trimming-** The fence surrounding the plant has become overgrown and it beings to take away from the road, so the fence line will be trimmed. He spoke for a couple more minutes on the fencing and tree trimming around Linwood.
- G. Narrows Force Main-** Mr. Campinha stated the Narrows Force Main will be done in the spring and there is some elevation issues. He also stated he is still working on bypass for the project. This conversation included information on Pump Station issues and information, as well as the Minot Ave Pump Station debate.
- H. Upper Cape-** Mr. Campinha said the Upper Cape Seniors and Juniors will be coming for Plant tours in October and he is getting back into the cooperative education program at the school, as long as COVID cooperates.
- I. Operators Class-** Mr. Campinha touched on the course that was recently finished at the plant to help laborers get their licenses and become operators.
- J. Workforce Housing-** Mr. Campinha stated in the Bliss Family Foundation Projecct he is trying to partner with an individual who is looking to put in workforce houses in the Town of Wareham. He began speaking on working wages and how that has a strong relationship to living wages and how this all affects staffing.
- K. D.O.T Meeting-** On the 28th of September a virtual meeting with D.O.T will be held to discuss the project with WPCF engineers, Kleinfelder Engineers, a specialty engineer, as well as high-speed train specialist.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

- A.** Sump pumps –
- B.** Houses not connected to Town Sewer –
- C.** EDU Rates –
- D.** Gibbs Ave- Commissioner Dunlop asked if Mr. Campinha has seen the controversy about the loud manhole cover on Gibbs Ave. He said checked it out and drove over it, but getting a police detail for a critical job is difficult, so this will need to be put on hold.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

October 14, 2021 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

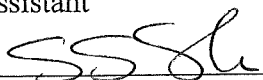
VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:22 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: 

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 1/20/22

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____