

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: September 29, 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
Malcolm R. White

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Donna M. Bronk

Also Present: Guy Campinha, Super Intendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

No Meeting Minutes for Approval.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Chairman Giberti stated if you would like to speak, you will need to raise a hand and speak. Eric Bickford joined the meeting and discussed multiple questions regarding Swifts Beach and the project. The first question was what the cost would be to the homeowner. Chairman Giberti said as far as the hook-up is concerned it will be on individual basis and it will depend on whom the contractor is, the grinder pump itself will be put in by the Town. She also asked what the electricity cost will be. Mr. Giberti said that again he does not know it depends on whom the electrical service provider is for that home. The next question was how is this by the issue down on Wankinquoah. Mr. Campinha said its going to eliminate all gravity and have pressure pipes and that will help to rectify the problem. The pipes will be four (4) feet in the ground compared to 10 feet to 17 feet down in the ground. Eric Bickford said this seems to be a Town issue, how is it a homeowner issue. Chairman Giberti said this is an upgrade to the Sanitary Sewer System, and the expense of the pump installation is all born by the town of Wareham. The grinder pumps will be installed right on the property line and hopefully in as close proximity to the existing lateral to minimize the amount of hookup necessary. Mr.

Campinha said it is a shared responsibility between the homeowners and the town. Bickford said if the person is not having a plumbing issue they don't see how it will help. Mr. Campinha said if the sewer comes out of a home it comes downstream, as it does in the entire neighborhood. The cost will also be incurred by the 6,600 sewer users across the town. No money was allocated for this project and no particular grants are available for this project. The contractor will dig at the street line due to where the lateral is and that is where town property begins. The homeowners will also have one (1) year to connect with a grinder pump. Ferreira out of Rhode Island won the bid for the work. The contract has yet to be completed, the actual start date will be announced when it is known. One citizen asked for more information on the size of the grinder pump and the gallons. Mr. Campinha said he does not have documentation in front of him so he estimated 80 gallons per minute. The actual chamber of the pump is maybe two feet high. In the event of a power outage a rep from the town will come out and give a loaner generator, which will be plugged into a truck and then come to the tanks to be emptied. That truck will take care of all of the streets, including: Bayview, Wankinquoah, Pleasant, Barnes, Murphy, and Columbia. The funding for the project is borrowed, and this would be paid back by the enterprise of 6,600 sewer users. Phase two (2) federal funding has been applied for, but no information yet regarding it. No legal challenges have been presented at this time.

SEWER BUSINESS

1. Abatements

- A. 45 Longwood Ave: **MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the \$323.00 abatement. Commissioner White seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0**
- B. 55 Wychunas Ave: **MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the \$323.00 abatement. Commissioner Dunlop seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0**
- C. 3 Tow Road: **MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the \$323.00 abatement. Commissioner Dunlop seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0**
- D. 3 Kendrick Road: **MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the \$2,745.00 abatement and reduce the property to one EDU. Commissioner Dunlop seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0**
- E. 73 Swifts Beach Road: **MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the \$646.00 abatement. Commissioner Dunlop seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0**

2. 2416 Cranberry Highway Request

Director Campinha confirmed the gallons have already been approved for the other two phases of this project. 2,880 gallons have already been implemented for the project. Commissioner Slavin and Director Campinha discussed the list for committed gallons. Mr. Campinha said it is a new connection and a new request. 150 gallons were not granted for an earlier request. The Board discussed the allocations for the project as well as the Popeye's Lot 2. Due to the project not having building permits it will be placed on a pending list. The Board discussed the pending list more as well.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to add 2,640 gallons per day for 2416 Cranberry highway into the pending list. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

3. Damien's Food Pantry

Chairman Giberti stated the Food Pantry will be on the corner of Swifts Beach Road and Marion Road, on a piece of property that leads down to Cranberry Cottage. This project will be in the pending list because it will be new construction, but they are asking for hookup capability. Commissioner Slavin asked how many bathrooms will be in the Food Pantry. Mr. Campinha said the request is for 500 gallons per day and there would also be a garden, so less flow may be coming to the sewer. The Board had a short discussion regarding the Food Pantry location as well as the tie in request and how the swifts beach manholes may pose a problem. Mr. Bill Madden joined the Zoom Call to elaborate on the Food Pantry and the proposal. He stated the proposal has gone in front of the zoning board for a special permanent site plan review, and the plans were then sent to the Board of Sewer Commissioners as a procedural item. The planning department sent the plans to various Boards for comments relative to the site plan review. The anticipation is two (2) bathrooms in the building (One Male and One Female Restroom) and the Food Pantry will be open two (2) to three (3) days a week from roughly 8/8:30 AM to 11/11:30 AM. The plans did show a connection to the gravity manhole on Swifts Beach Road. Mr. Madden elaborated with specifics regarding the Food Pantry plans and sewer specifics.

MOTION: Commissioner Slavin motioned to add 242 Marion Road, Damien's Food Pantry for 500 gallons per day into the pending list. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

After the motion to add the Food Pantry into the pending list Mr. Madden stated he also had his hand raised for 2416 Cranberry Highway as well and added details regarding when a letter was first provided to the Board regarding a three (3) phase project as well as the specifications for the Car Wash request and the gallonage request. Mr. Campinha and Mr. Madden discussed this matter for a couple moments before moving on to the next topic.

4. Notice of Intent to Foreclose

Mr. Campinha sated this property owes the remainder of their betterment and anything that they have not paid in sewer bills will be returned to the Town and dispersed to the WPCF.

5. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Campinha stated his report speaking on the new permit the WPCF received and the parameters, as well as the letter he wrote the EPA and tried to appeal some of the new parameters. The WPCF will now be testing for PFAS and will be responsible for treatment of PFAS in the Town.
- The New CMOM Program requires the WPCF to maintain pump stations and sewer lines and staff it importantly. The EPA stated as owners it is the WPCF's responsibility to staff properly. Mr. Campinha said staffing is going to be the largest issue and the biggest struggle.
 - o Testing with the PFAS means testing the influent to the plant to see what is coming in through businesses to make sure they are not providing or putting PFAS products into the Sewer. The testing will most likely be done at pump stations in certain areas to try and isolate the PFAS testing and get a general idea.
 - o Mr. Campinha said the bigger picture is the contaminants and the problem is not to be concerned with the complaining about cost is the federal government's point of view and it has to be done.
- The tie-in of a 16 inch new filter is beginning to come into focus and some electronics have been installed but not all.
- Weather Permitting a tour of the Plant will be given Saturday. The finance committee will join Mr. Campinha on a WPCF Tour to see first hand some of the concerns and things that would like to be done in the future.
- The Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) will be reviewed at a selectman's meeting so all Boards are on the same page and have a mutual understanding. The plan is a 20 year plan that is submitted to the DEP which addresses growth for the next 20 years and the sewer needed and how it will be addressed. A commentary from the environmental groups and the public will also be able to ask questions and address concerns.
- The Aeration system is being repaired and the blower system needs to be replaced which is roughly \$30,000. Another struggle is the shipping time and the increases in price.
- Mr. Campinha has a seminar October 7, 2022 regarding the Operators Challenge in New Orleans as well as the Pre-Treatment seminar at the end of October with the Lab Manager.

6. Fiscal Year 22 End

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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chairman Giberti mentioned the Articles for the Town Meeting and three (3) of the articles are for \$2 million each. The \$2 Million is not to be exceeded and could be well below that, the engineering costs are unknown.
- B. Commissioner Dunlop Addressed some issues he has with the Swifts Beach Project with the Board. He discussed things such as the grinder pumps stopping the infiltration, a cost to repair them, power outages, and what will happen in snow storm power outages. Mr. Campinha responded to the questions stating you will not dig up the pump, you will just need access to the control panel on the side of the home. The infiltration issue is all over the place and the camera footage can be shown, as well as the fact the pipes are between ten (10) and 17 feet in the ground and they're deteriorated. Mr. Campinha said this is the best alternative because the system will be closed and the pipes will be solid so no leakage will occur. Mr. Campinha also discussed Sump Pumps VS Grinder Pumps and the fact Grinder Pumps cannot keep up with a Sump Pump Flow. He also touched on the water table and the elevation.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

October 13, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest:  *accepted 2/10/23
vote 4-0-0*

Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed 2/10/23

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____