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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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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
Sandra L. Slavin
Peter G. Dunlop

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. 2021 – 2022 Board of Sewer Commissioner's Meeting Adjustments

Chairman Giberti reviewed the 2021 meeting dates with the holidays approaching. He also discussed the 2022 meeting dates for the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

2. 6 Franks Way

Chairman Giberti discussed a property that has been reviewed before. The owner is going to the water department to get clarification on where they stand in terms of an abatement and if the water department provides her with a letter the Board will re-discuss the situation.

3. 386-388 Main Street

Chairman Giberti asked Mr. Campinha to elaborate on this situation. Mr. Campinha said he suggests no action because the owner bought the property in February 2021 at an

auction, but he needs to find out if it is a bank auction or a town auction. He also stated he wants to make sure the homeowner met the deadline to apply for an abatement.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk motioned to table the abatement application for 386-388 Main Street until more information is obtained. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

4. Budget Discussion

Mr. Campinha explained the projects the Board has been talking about that need to be done will need to be decided on financing them or borrow the money. He stated the projects done in the past and the projects being done now have all come out of the budget. Mr. Campinha said Wankinkquoah lining is coming up, Heinz Field that needs to be lined, and more. He mentioned the funds will either need to be captured out of the budget or by borrowing them. The Board had a small discussion regarding more budget information regarding loans and reserves, debt, capital line, projects, and money owed. Mr. Campinha brought up the head-works building and the \$14 million to \$20 million to replace the building. He then spoke on a seminar he attended virtually that gave him the opportunity to speak with people all over the country. Mr. Campinha said he has spoken to people whom have raised their rates 40% and then not raising the rates for three (3) to four (4) years later, and he also seeing people raise the rates 22% annually. Mr. Campinha explained why raising the rates is important for the treatment plant for things such as bills and chemicals. He then began speaking on raising the rates, spending money, and the money that comes in from sewer bills. The Board discussed these items for a few moments. Mr. Campinha mentioned rated need to be defendable legally and the rates need to be equitable across all uses. He also spoke on laborer pay and why it is of significant importance. Commissioner Bronk stated she will not vote on anything over 3%, and Mr. Campinha said he cannot shut electricity off and he cannot stop buying chemicals. He also stated he has a permit he is obligated to follow and he cannot just tell the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that he does not have the funds to meet the permit. The Board of Sewer Commissioners and Mr. Campinha discussed various items such as how the grease revenue gets added into the budget, how much the Water Pollution Control charges per gallon of grease and septic, grease and septic price changes, and fees.

5. Toxic Agent Discussion

Mr. Campinha brought up a subject regarding Bourne that he feels needs to be explained. He stated that in the newspaper there was an article saying the Town of Bourne's treatment plant went offline due to a toxic agent. He continued and said the waste was shipped to the WPCF but nobody called to notify Mr. Campinha or the Town of Wareham. Mr. Campinha said he was speaking with GHD Engineer Russ Kleekamp about putting a sampler in the pipe that Bourne uses to send their waste to

the WPCF. Mr. Campinha spoke on possibly reaching out to Bourne and he stated he would like a policy written to address what happened. He insinuated he is going to do a full scale test to tell what organic compounds and other materials are in the wastewater being sent from Bourne. Mr. Campinha commented on possibly metering the Bourne flow to the WPCF along with the shipping delays for the meter and the price of shipping.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Chinese Treatment Technology-** Mr. Campinha in this process it becomes a little more economically sound and the numbers are terrific. He also said the technology and automation has increased and there is one in Plymouth. He did say there are a few Government items that need to be finished but once they are completed we can move forward, the time frame is estimated to be six (6) months. The company is JDL Enterprises.
- B. Bliss Foundation Meeting-** Mr. Campinha said he is waiting for a meeting with the Bliss Foundation for a piece of property for workforce housing. He said most people that work in most communities cannot afford to live in the community where they work. This program is called Workforce Houses, which will allow people to work in the communities and rent the houses at a lower rate. Mr. Campinha said he is also trying to find something for the elderly, but as of right now there are no state programs for elderly housing.
- C. EQ Basins-** The WPCF is pouring the last two sections of the basins meaning four sections of the basin has been poured. The sheathing for the filters has been put in.
- D. Co-Op Program-** Mr. Campinha said he is excited to start the co-op program with upper cape again and it is starting the second half of the year.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

- A. Sump pumps –** Have homes connecting with grinder pumps in Swifts Beach. JC Engineering has been backed up so they are still conducting their survey. E1 will do the design for the system. Mr. Campinha has spoken with some residents to inform them on what is going on
- B. Houses not connected to Town Sewer –**
- C. EDU Rates –**

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

October 28, 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

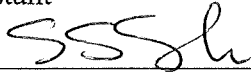
Meeting adjourned 7:26 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____



Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed _____

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Date sent to the Town Clerk _____