

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: October 26, 2023
Date of Transcription: November 3, 2023
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Pigeon called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: Bernard Pigeon
Peter G. Dunlop
Sandra L. Slavin
Robert Scanlon JR
James R. Giberti

Sewer Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Scott Kraihanzel, WPCF Director (VIA ZOOM)
Marc Drainville, GHD Engineer

SEWER BUSINESS

1. Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Slavin Motioned to accept the September 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes.
Vice-Chairman Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Commissioner Slavin motioned to accept the September 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes.
Vice- Chairman Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Commissioner Slavin made a motion to pass the October 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes until the next meeting allowing for the proper corrections to be made. Vice-Chairman Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Charles Lombardi- O&M Consultants

Mr. Charles Lombardi will be invited to the next meeting on November 9, 2023 which will allow Director Kraihanzel to have a meeting with him.

3. Discussion of the Town Meeting Results

The Board quickly discussed the results of the Special Town Meeting that passed the Headworks and Clarifiers work. Chairman Pigeon thanked the multiple people involved such as Finance and the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

4. Ferreira Discussion and Vote of Contract

The Board discussed why and how the Ferreira Contract was cancelled. The Board motioned to approve the payment of \$10,451.68 to the Ferreira Company. The Board discussed money as well as the Narrows Project for a few moments.

VOTE: 5-0-0

5. EDU Rates and Usage

The Board of Sewer Commissioners discussed how various people that have approached them have mentioned how they would like to see the Board move from EDU Rates to Usage. The Board motioned to indicate, "That we as Commissioners should pursue the usage". The motioned was seconded but no vote was taken. The Commissioners also discussed Tighe and Bond Reports from 2003.

6. Budget Discussion

The Sewer Commissioners discussed the budget because there is only about four (4) more months until the warrant comes out, and there is a possibility of taking some of the issues (Capital Line Items) and moving it over to become a part of operating costs. It was said that a constant operating expense means the WPCF would be increasing the operating budget to cover some of the Capital Line Items.

7. Outstanding Borrowing

The Narrows Pump Station has not come out yet; it was supposed to be opened on October 12, 2023. Some of the potential bidders had some questions, which pushed back the opening of the bids to Early December 2023. Debt is the \$9 Million approved for Swifts Beach and the Lining of the Narrows Pump Station. There was some slight money discussion.

8. Must Connect Sewer List

The Board discussed the 'Must Connect List' that was established well before the moratorium and includes information on homes in sewerred areas that need to be connected to the sewer system. The Board discussed the 'Must Connect List' for a lengthy discussion.

9. GHD Update- Outstanding Projects

The Sewer Commissioners heard an update from GHD Engineer Marc Drainville. He updated the Board on two (2) active projects, one of which being the Denite and EQ Basin Construction that is over 99% completed. The Second Project is the 'Phase Two' Project which was subject of Article 26. The project now is the CWMP that will be out by the end of 2023, The Alkalinity Feed System mentioned is a chemical feed system that is part of the Phase Two Contract.

10. Greasezilla

Director Kraihanzel discussed the paperwork as well as the product being presented. Greasezilla has a building they would like to move into the WPCF and store it. If the WPCF chooses not to go through with the project, Greasezilla will remove it at their cost, deliver the product at their cost and remove it at their cost. Mr. Kraihanzel stated he can put the facility on site however he will need to know more about the by-

products of the system. He continued and stated the facility will need to be heated for the winter for the VAC Truck. The discussion regarding Greasezilla continued.

11. Wood Chip Filter Grant

The Board discussed the \$275,000 Grant to attempt to filter the WPCF's secondary water at a defined rate through a wood chip filter and use that as a possible denitrification filter. Mr. Kraihanzel explained to the Board after speaking with an OSD Consultant and others involved, he believes utilizing the construction money to tie the secondary treated water to feed into the wood chip filters for a set amount of gallons per day, per hour, or per minute. The point of the wood chips is to further remove nitrogen from the system.

12. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Mr. Kraihanzel discussed working with the DPW to address leaks that are being found with the camera truck in the Swifts Beach Area. The leaks are being scheduled for repairs, especially one section where there is almost 2,000 gallons a day of influent that does not need to be treated.
- Mr. Kraihanzel discussed his meeting with Danny Warren and multiple contractors as well as the conservation commission for a November start date for the Wankinquoah Project. The project is going to eliminate roughly 20,000 gallons to 30,000 gallons per day of Inflow and Infiltration. The discussion continued for a few moments.
- The WPCF is currently paying \$17,500 a month for a rental blower that does not communicate with the SCADA system. One blower on site all summer functioned enough to give enough dissolved oxygen into the aeration tank and save \$2,000 in electrical costs. Another blower would be \$25,000 but down to \$13,500 a month.
- The Narrows RFP has been delayed until December because discussions with the contractors where there were so many questions regarding what the permits will require... the WPCF is going to try and get permits for Mass Highway.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is a public meeting in Room 27 on November 28, 2023 regarding the regulations for Nitrogen limits in the Town.

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

November 9, 2023 at 6:30pm.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

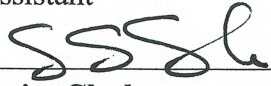
Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Christiana Robbins

Department Assistant

Attest: _____



Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

accepted

5-10-0

Date Signed _____

Date sent to the Town Clerk _____