

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Date of Meeting: October 27, 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  
Donna M. Bronk

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Malcolm R. White

### **3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**No Meeting Minutes for Approval.**

## **SEWER BUSINESS**

### **1. 4 Dogwood Lane**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motioned to approve the abatement for \$646.00.  
Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

### **2. Swifts Beach Questions**

The Board had a short discussion about the questions received because they do not have the answers as of yet.

### **3. Homes Connected**

Chairman Giberti talked about the list of homes to connect to sewer and updated the rest of the Board on the progress on the list.

### **4. British Landing**

Chairman Giberti explained there was a back-up in the British Landing due to flooding and they want the Board to pay for the damages. Commissioner Slavin commented she

believes it was because the property was improperly connected to sewer and rags were pulled out of the line.

## **5. Allocations and Moratorium Discussion**

Chairman Giberti spoke on allocated gallons that have not been utilized and whether or not the Board can recoup any of the gallons. Once the properties are identified further work with Mr. Campinha and the Policy regarding allocations may allow for some gallons to be recouped. The Board spoke more on allocated gallons as well as building permits and the queue list. Commissioner Slavin suggested Chairman Giberti read the steps being taken to address the moratorium. Chairman Giberti stated the following: "Steps we are currently taking is to review unused allocations, decide what can or should be rescinded and reallocated. The CWMP [Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan] which needs to be accomplished ASAP and is presently being worked on hopefully we'll have an answer at the next meeting as to how soon that will be available. That would also follow with the next one, which is groundwater discharge. We're looking at, we don't have the answers on that or an are identified cost it. We need to come up with that and act on it ASAP, an update on any conversations with the EPA relative to increasing discharge to the Agawam river. The EPA, what's my understanding, will talk to us but wont put anything in writing for us to be able to hang our hats on to go forward with the regionalization discussions with Bourne, Mass Maritime, Buzzards Bay Coalition, regionalization needs to be a priority. There is potentially more money available to a region than an individual town. Regionalization would be encompassing the canal, the idea of going to the canal would provide basically unlimited growth from the standpoint of expulsion of treated products so that Wareham wouldn't have any hang-ups. The only problem that we would face after that would be when and if the plant had to expanded to handle more flow and if regionalized and we have more people contributing to the cost of that pipe line to the canal. The railroad has been the discussed area, its been surveyed, its been done almost everything is completed. I had to put a stop to is because of the cost and covid. Alternative to the railroad has been suggested which will be looked at and see whether or not that's a viable alternative. We've looked at self-contained treatment plants for individual homes in low of septic systems. It's a couple of months out before we have any figures to work with whether or not they're viable for the state of Massachusetts, and we've got as if gallons become available we need to have to establish a priority in issuance. Standalone treatment plants are an option, the Chinese have a model on the actual usage, handing, cost, ect is still in their definitive maybe stage and the only other thing was we're going to become user-friendly or obstructionist".

## **6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Campinha was absent from the October 27, 2022 Meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

1. NEW BUSINESS

2. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

November 9, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wareham Multi Service Center Room 320. 48 Marion Road Wareham, MA

3. ADJOURNMENT

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

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 7:12 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

**Christiana Robbins**

Department Assistant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

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Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date sent to the Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_