

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

Date of Meeting: August 1, 2019  
Date of Transcription: August 8, 2019  
Transcribed by: Colleen Malone

### **1. MEETING TO ORDER**

Commissioner Giberti called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Sandra L. Slavin  
Donna M. Bronk

Sewer Commissioners Absent: Malcom R. White

Also not present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

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

June 6, 2019

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk motion to approve minutes as written. Commissioner Dunlop Seconded.

**VOTE: 2-0-2**

July 18, 2019

**MOTION:** Commissioner Slavin motion to approve minutes as written. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-1**

### **4. SEWER BUSINESS**

1. Sewer Usage Billing-1<sup>st</sup> half of FY20

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop motion to approve Sewer Usage Billing as written.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**2. Odor Update:** Discussion took place with Board members on various topics. Commissioner Slavin wants to confirm that Mr. Campinha has an outside contractor coming in to help with odor issue. Commissioner Giberti advised that he does and that he will go to plant and meet with contractor. Commissioner Giberti also advised Board that he spoke with Mr. Campinha and that he was considering putting the misters back on. Discussion took place on how some residents like the misters and some do not.

Commissioner Slavin brings up a document Mr. Campinha sent to her August 21, 2016 from Tech Environment. She states that the document has three levels of action that should be taken when odors are this bad, she wants to know what level of action is the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) at. Discussion takes place and it is stated that is something the Board will refer to Mr. Campinha

Commissioner Slavin and Commissioner Bronk both state they have had various complaints and that something needs to be done. Commissioner Giberti states he is going to contact another odor control company but does not state name of company.

Discussion continues on misters and complaints. All are in agreement something needs to be done. More information and investigation will take place.

**3. Pre-Treatment Coordinator Status:** Tabled until Mr. Campinha is at meeting.

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

No Superintendent report this week

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)**

**1. Sump pumps- Discussion** took place with Board members on whether or not a new policy needs to be written. Commissioner Dunlop questions why new policy, it clearly states that it is illegal to hook up a sump pump to Town Sewer. Commissioner Giberti advises it is to enforce a door-to-door campaign to investigate if sump pumps are hooked up to Town Sewer. Commissioner Giberti wants to gain access into homes to check if the sump pump is hooked up to the sewer. Commissioner Giberti also brings up that he would like to have an across the board fee added to all sewer bills. His idea is that this fee will be reversed once the residents/business owners allow WPCF, or hired contractor/plumber, to enter home and inspect sump pump. Discussion takes place on legality of this and where they should start.

Commissioner Bronk states that once we inspect that the pumps will just be hooked back up. Commissioners Giberti and Dunlop say that it will be an improvement and some people will not hook sump pump back up. Commissioner Slavin says that it will take at least two visits to enforce this. Commissioner Giberti that is cheaper than going through legal avenues. Discussion continues with Board members on where to start and the legality of charging a fee/penalty. Also, discussion on who does the inspections if it

is a WPCF employee, the Town of Wareham Plumbing Inspector, or a hired contractor. Commissioner Giberti wants to hire outside contractor.

Board is also going to look at the surrounding towns and what fees or problems that they are having with illegal sump pump connections. Commissioner Giberti wants to make it clear that having a sump pump is not illegal; however having a sump pump hooked up to Town Sewer is illegal.

**2. Stone Path** – No new information this week. Waiting on finalized report with potential solutions.

**3. Houses not connected to Town Sewer**— Commissioner Giberti is going to board of health to see if they can force the homes currently available to Town Sewer but not hooked up. Discussion takes place on names and addresses. Commissioner Slavin wants names of people not hooked up published.

**4. EDU Rates:** No update, waiting on Tighe & Bond final report.

**7. NEW BUSINESS** – No new business to be added to this meeting.

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

August 15, 2019 6:30 p.m. - Rm 320

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Meeting adjourned 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Colleen M. Malone**  
Department Assistant

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

**Sandra L. Slavin, Clerk**

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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

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