

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

Date of Meeting: January 11, 2018  
Date of Transcription: January 16, 2018  
Transcribed by: Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Giberti at 6:30 pm

Chairman Giberti appointed Commissioner Peter G. Dunlop as Clerk, pro temp.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti  
Peter G. Dunlop  
Malcolm R. White  
Donna M. Bronk

Sewer Commissioners absent: Susan J. Sweeney

Also present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

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

a) December 14, 2017

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop moved to accept the meeting minutes of November 30, 2017 as written. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Commissioner Bronk abstained)**

### **4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

(none)

### **5. SEWER BUSINESS**

1) Grant Application

Chairman Giberti questioned the status of a grant application submitted to Mass CEC in December, 2017. Mr. Campinha responded that the final numbers to be determined once the grant has been approved.

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

1. Resignation of Commissioner Sweeney (See Attachment A)

Mr. Campinha read into the record a letter of resignation from Commissioner Sweeney.

**Note: Original letter sent to Town Clerk**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to accept Commissioner Susan Sweeney's letter of resignation. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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### 2. Outfall update

Mr. Campinha reported that he had conversations with both the lead counsel of DOT rail service and Representative Keating's office. The survey is being reviewed with a list of conditions being prepared. We are waiting notification of the next meeting. Brief discussion ensued regarding the approximate potential cost of the project - \$10,000,000.

### 3. Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Campinha stated that he wanted to submit two articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant to borrow - 1) for the cost of the outfall - \$10,000,000 and 2) for infrastructure – sewer lines – approximately \$9,000,000. Commissioner Bronk opposed to placing the total cost \$19,000,000 before Town Meeting. Lengthy discussion ensued. Board agreed that the 2 articles be submitted (place holders) to be included in the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

### 4. BETA GROUP, Inc. – extension of I&I study agreement

Mr. Campinha stated that an extension of 4 additional months is necessary to complete the study. The original end date was December 31, 2017. Mass DEP has approved the request for the extension. There would not be any additional costs. Brief discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop moved to extend the existing agreement with BETA GROUP, Inc. for the I & I study for an additional four months at no additional cost. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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

1. Wright-Pierce Agreement – Evaluation of Narrows Pump Station Force Main (cont'd) from Nov. 30, 2017 meeting)

Lengthy discussion ensued as to whether to reline or evaluate the sewer line and the cost for the evaluation.

**MOTION:** Commissioner White moved to amend the Wright-Pierce Agreement that the costs not exceed \$100,000. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

### 2. Tighe & Bond Update

Mr. Campinha stated that he is waiting for information from Kevin Sampson of the Onset Water District to be submitted to Tighe& Bond.

### 3. Business Manager Position Update

Chairman Giberti reported the Town Administrator and Human Resource are working on it.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. CPower Presentation

Present before the Board: David Lavoie of CPower and John Conte of Energy Choice

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Mr. Lavoie informed addressed the Board on the two Demand Response Program. Further, explaining the difference between 'real time' and 'peak load' demand program. Not an energy saving program but a capacity savings program. The potential projected revenue and savings over a 3 year period could be approximately \$114,000. Mr. Conte explained the need to retrofit generators at the plant in order to be in compliant with the real time demand response. The cost to retrofit the 2 generators at the sewer plant would be \$115,000. It would take approximately 3 years to recoup the expenditure. Discussion ensued.

### 2. Agreements for Approval

a) BETA GROUP, Inc. – Notice of Project Change – Comprehensive Wastewater Mgmt Plan.

Mr. Campinha edified the Board. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Bronk expressed concern over the process of selecting the engineering firm.

**MOTION:** Commissioner White move to approve the Agreement with BETA GROUP, Inc. for Notice of Project Change – Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan for written. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

**VOTE: 3-1-0 (Commissioner Bronk opposed)**

### 3. Vote of Commitment of FY2018 Capital Costs to Town of Bourne

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dunlop moved to approve the commitment for the Town of Bourne FY2018 Capital Costs in the amount of \$188,477.53 be sent to John Foster, Treasurer/Collector. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

### 4. FY19 Budget – Discussion and Vote

Brief discussion ensued. Commissioner Bronk requested that the actual expenditures be provided. Chairman Giberti postponed discussion of the budget to be discussed the next meeting after actual expenditures are provided.

## 8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME


The next scheduled meeting will be January 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to adjourn. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Respectfully submitted,  
**Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa**  
Department Assistant

Attest:   
**Peter G. Dunlop, Clerk pro temp**  
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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Date Signed: JAN. 18, 2018

Date sent to the Town Clerk JAN. 22, 2018

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Susan Sweeney  
14 Sippican Rd  
Wareham, MA 02571

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Mr. Guy Campinha & Wareham Board of Sewer Commissioners  
6 Tony's Lane  
Wareham, MA 02571

Dear Guy and esteemed Board of Sewer Commissioners,

I regretfully resign from my position on the Board of Sewer Commissioners. Shortly after being elected, I was offered the opportunity to become an adjunct professor of Teacher Training Courses at Fitchburg State University. Originally just a one semester gig, this position has turned into an ongoing responsibility on top of my regular teaching schedule and duties. For the first two years of my term, I was doing well meeting my career commitments and spending the time necessary to serve the board.

Much to my detriment, last winter I was sidelined with serious, chronic, illness. The effects, treatments and worry about this condition drained my energy. My ability to spend the time needed to review, research and sufficiently educate myself about the issues and needs of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, let alone attend the meetings was severely hampered. I enjoyed serving on the Board tremendously and thus have been hoping to get back into it. Unfortunately, at this moment, I cannot seem to find a way to adjust my other responsibilities and give the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Board the attention they deserve.

So, it is with much regret and sadness I resign from my position. I thank you tremendously for all your enthusiasm about the process of wastewater treatment, for your outstanding dedication to improving the Town of Wareham by making it a front runner in wastewater treatment and for all the wonderful knowledge you have imparted to me and the Board. I will truly miss it.

Sincerely,



Sue Sweeney