

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2017
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Giberti at 6:32 pm

Chairman Giberti appointed Commissioner Donna Dunlop as Clerk, pro temp

2. ROLL CALL

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

Sewer Commissioner Absent: Susan J. Sweeney

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) February 23, 2017

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to accept the Board of Sewer Commissioners February 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0(Unanimous)

4. SEWER BUSINESS

a) Wareham Marketplace – discussion of grease trap for grocery store

Mr. Campinha explained that the Aldi supermarket does not prepare any foods on the premises. All items are trucked in pre-packaged. DEP regulations require grocery stores to have a grease trap if there is a deli, meat packaging and produce section in the store. Aldi does not have any of those departments. Mr. Campinha recommends that in the future if the store becomes another type of grocery store, such as a Stop & Shop, then a grease trap would be required.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that a grease trap not be required for the Aldi grocery store at this time. Any future changes would require a grease trap be installed. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

5. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a) Sewer usage bills

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Mr. Campinha informed the Board that the sewer users bills were mailed out and the office is receiving many phone calls. Mr. Campinha explained for the public that the billing cycle is twice a year based on a flat EDU rate. He also explained about the sale of property during a billing cycle and the responsibility of the seller's and buyer's HUD statement to show any adjustment.

b) Status on Outfall

Mr. Campinha reported that progress continues with the outfall – survey completed; buoy deployed outside Mass Maritime; spoke with Congressman Keating's office regarding status and to seek more funding, and hired Woods Hole Oceanographic for modeling the bay in the area where discharged water would actually be going and the impact to the bay. A Need Analysis for each community projecting their needs is being done to determine the gallons for Wareham, Marion, Bourne and Plymouth. At this time it is projected 3.5 million gallons per day and the number to be submitted to Woods Hole Oceanographic for projection of the impact on the bay.

ASIDE: Commissioner Bronk spoke briefly on an article regarding a mechanism to clean rivers of bottles, cans, etc from the river bottom.

Discussion continued briefly.

c) Basins

Mr. Campinha stated that the basins are emptied monthly to keep solid levels down with a goal to keep basins empty and force more into the plant. This will help decrease odors. Brief discussion ensued regarding I & I and the impact on the basins.

d) Swifts Beach relining project

Relining and repair work of damage caused by I & I and sump pumps scheduled for completion within the next few days.

e) Restaurants – F.O.G.

Mr. Campinha reported that the pre-treatment staff member continues to visit restaurants and educate the owners/managers on grease/oils/fats disposal with follow up appointments. Reception from the restaurants has been favorable.

f) Rosebrook Assisted Living Facility

The building is completed and ready for residents. The EDU structure charge will be based on boarding house rate, cafeteria seating, commercial laundry facilities and hair salon. Individual washers and dryers on each floor are not included as these items are not charged in individual homes. Pump stations concerns are being addressed.

g) Wright-Pierce

Representatives from Wright-Pierce and PICA visited for inspection of the force main pipe from Narrows pump station to the treatment plant. PICA is a sole source provider of the technology of snaking the pipe. Although PICA may be a sole source provider an IFB (Invitation for Bid) will still need to be prepared. Because of a time period of 13 hours would be needed to complete the snaking of the pipe, the best time to perform the work would be at night until the early morning hours, e.g. 8 pm to 4 am. The funds for this project were voted on at Town Meeting.

h) Surveys to religious houses of worship

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Mr. Campinha advised that the EDU audit surveys to the religious houses of worship were sent out.

i) Request for sewer tie in

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of a request for sewer tie-in for property located on Hathaway St. just beyond Tim's Point Rd. The property consists of 2 lots and the owner wants private E1 pump stations that would tie into the sewer line. Mr. Campinha would recommend a sewer line be extended down the road off the 8" stub at the manhole thus making it gravity sewer line. Plans to be sent to the Board and placed on a future agenda.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

a) Policy updates (postponed from 2/23/17)

To be postponed to later meeting.

b) Consolidation of Policies (postponed from 2/23/17)

To be postponed to later meeting.

c) Greasezilla update – potential profitability and time line (postponed from 2/23/17)

Mr. Campinha reported that the first load of grease is in the process of being shipped out. After much research, three brokers were contacted who search for end users. BR Fuel found a company in Illinois to purchase our product. Profit margin for the Town on the first load would be \$3,300. A 50/50 split with the broker with broker and Town contributing to trucking costs. Deducting all other costs (labor, % for solids, etc), the final check to the Town would be \$330. It takes 3 days to cook a load which yields 1000 gallons of cooked grease, which is then placed in a 78,000 gal. holding tank. The process is repeated until holding tank is full. The market value today is 15¢ per lb. Sixty thousands (60,000) lbs. x 15¢ = \$9,000/ month or \$108,000 per year for 1 holding tank. There are 2 holding tanks which potentially could yield \$216,000 per year. Within 6 month time period, a better average as to how long Greasezilla will pay for itself. Brief discussion ensued with suggestions from the Board to find other brokers and to have separate accounting established.

ASIDE: Mr. Campinha reported that the CPA firm for the Town of Bourne strongly recommends that WPCF have their own accountant.

d) Meeting with Onset Water District

Chairman Giberti reported that at a meeting with the water district on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 indicated cooperation from the water district to provide the sewer department with information regarding water usage of residents in their district. Details on the mechanics of providing the information to be further determined including any expenses. Chairman Giberti expressed optimism of the support from the Onset Water Commissioners. Brief discussion regarding EDU structure concerning the product coming into the treatment plant from residential, commercial and industrial users.

e) SCS Realty Trust – Elm Street assessment

Chairman Giberti reported on the meeting held this afternoon regarding SCS Realty Trust which was attended by members of the Board of Selectmen, Sewer Commissioners, Mr. Campinha, Town Counsel and Town Administrator. The matter to be discussed further by the Board of Sewer Commissioners in Executive Session at the next meeting.

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7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion regarding Sump Pumps (including requirements)

Mr. Campinha informed the Board that sump pumps are regulated by DEP, Federal regulations, plumbing code and Town by-laws. Commissioner White stated that enforcement of sump pump violations needs to be done. Discussion ensued as to what entity sets the fines and who enforces the regulations. Mr. Campinha believes it is the Sewer Commissioners but will check with Town Counsel. The concern is how to validate the use of sump pumps being connected into the sewer line. Further information to be provided to the Board.

b) BBAC (Buzzards Bay Action Committee) storm water collaborative (tabled)

Mr. Campinha edified the Board of the actions being done by WPCF. The MS4 program locates all the outfalls in Wareham and BBAC gathers samples taken at outfalls and delivers them to the treatment plant for bacterial testing. All storm water from Wareham must be treated and removal of nutrients and bacteria before discharging into the ocean. The responsibility lies with the Town, however WPCF is willing to assist with testing and in any way needed.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting scheduled for March 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Department Assistant

Attest: 

Peter G. Dunlop, Clerk pro temp

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Date Signed: 4/27/2017

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 5/1/2017