

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: April 21, 2016
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

NOTE: Meeting opened by Commissioner Giberti

MOTION: Commissioner White moved that Commission Giberti be Acting Chairman.
Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved that Commissioner White be Clerk, pro temp.
Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

2. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Brief discussion ensued with a consensus that the reorganization of the board proceed even though there is not a full board present.

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop nominated Commissioner Giberti to be the Chairman.
Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Commissioner White moved to continue with the reorganization of the board until there is a full board present. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

3. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti, Chairman
Malcolm R. White, Clerk pro temp
Peter G. Dunlop

Commissioners absent: Susan J. Sweeney
Donna M. Bronk

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

4. APPROVAL OV MEETING MINUTES

a) April 7, 2016

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MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop moved to accept the April 7, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present: Edward Pacewicz

Mr. Pacewicz questioned if the Board was in favor or against Article 19 of the upcoming Spring Town Meeting. Chairman Giberti stated that it was never brought to the Sewer Commissioners for discussion or voting. Mr. Pacewicz also questioned who determined the indirect costs portion of the budget.

6. SEWER BUSINESS

a) Abatements

1. 3125 Cranberry Hwy. – Account No. 736651, Map 8, Lot 1020

MOTION: Commissioner White moved that the abatement for 3125 Cranberry Hwy., Account No. 736651 be denied as recommended. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. 3 Maple St, Unit 5, Account No. 736200, Map 2, Lot 1000E

MOTION: Commissioner White moved to grant an abatement for 3 Maple St., Unit 5, Account No. 736200 of \$298.00 for the 1st Half of the FY2016 Sewer Usage Billing and \$298.00 for the 2nd Half of the FY2016 Sewer Usage Billing for a total of \$596.00 as recommended by the WPCF Director. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Mr. Campinha reported on meeting held with the water districts and Municipal Maintenance to discuss cooperation and coordination of projects that could impact either the water department or the sewer department. Once budgets have been established, there will be another meeting in the fall. Mr. Campinha also reported that the Wareham water district has joined WARM which is a collaborative through the State between water and sewer departments wherein each can lend equipment and/or staff in time of crisis.

2) Mr. Campinha reported that the generator have been replaced at the Smith Ave. pump station and the next two pump stations for new generators are Pinehurst and Depot St. It is the plan to replace at least 3 generators per year – beginning with the oldest ones. Brief discussion ensued.

3) The air screens have arrived and will be installed over the weekend along the basins. These will help to diffuse the wind upward rather than across thereby minimizing some of the odor problems.

Additional items: Great Hill Estates continued plans for sewer; mitigating with Bowler Engineering regarding development across from Walmart along Tobey Road/Cranberry Hwy;

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transition at the plant from winter to spring; and monthly reports from departments to the Town Administrator.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESSS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated items)

- a) Letter in support of Matching Funds for Outfall grant to Buzzards Bay Coalition

Mr. Campinha briefly updated the Board as to the WPCF commitment of \$50,000 for the cost for the survey along the railroad right-of-way from Wareham to Bourne. This is part of the outfall project. Once the survey is completed then we can move to the next step. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop moved to accept the letter has written. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

Note: The Board of Sewer Commissioners signed the letter to commit it's \$50,000.00 contribution.

- b) Commissioner Dunlop questioned the status regarding the status with BETA for bringing septage from their Eastham project. Mr. Campinha reported that he relayed the Board's decision and will advise him when they will start the project in Eastham and begin delivering septage to Wareham.
- c) Commissioner Dunlop questioned the status of the Hybrid method. Mr. Campinha responded that the draft IMA with the water district is in the hands of the Wareham water district and has been presented to the Water Commissioners and will again be discussed by the water commissioners. Once they have reached a decision, Mr. Campinha suggested that the Board meet with the water commissioners. Discussion continued.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Policy Review and Revision – setting a plan to review and revise existing policies

Chairman Giberti stated that this be postponed until the Board is receipt of all the policies. Mr. Campinha suggested that the Board also look at the by-laws at the same time.

- b) SMART goals – Revisit and Discuss

(Postponed to future meeting when Commissioner Sweeney will be present.)

- c) Commissioner Dunlop brought up Article 19 of the upcoming Town meeting and expressed that he is against the article. Commissioner Giberti also stated that he is not in favor of the article. Commissioner White has no opinion until he reads the article.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

(none)

Mr. Campinha suggested that the Sewer Commissioners have liaisons with the Planning Board and the Board of Health.

Commissioner White will be liaison with the Planning Board. Commissioner Dunlop will be liaison with the Board of Health.

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11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: Future meeting date will be May 19, 2016.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Department Assistant

Attest:


Malcolm R. White, Clerk, pro temp

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Date Signed: 5-5-2016

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 5-9-2016