

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: July 28, 2016
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: James R. Giberti, Chairman
Donna M. Bronk
Peter G. Dunlop
Susan J. Sweeney

Commissioners absent: Malcolm R. White

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) June 23, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop moved to accept the June 23, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

b) July 14, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to accept the July 14, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Commissioner Sweeney abstained)

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

(none)

5. SEWER BUSINESS

a) Discussion of permission to tie into sewer - Wareham Market Place (Cranberry Hwy & Tobey Rd)

Present before the Board: Mark Wixted of Bohler Engineering

Mr. Campinha recommended that permission to tie into the sewer system be granted as Bohler Engineering has completed numerous draw down tests and studies. All numbers indicate that the Springborn pump station can handle the production. Owner/developer of the property has also included as mitigation a one-time \$10,000 dollar payment for the WPCF to be used for corrosion

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repairs, replacement or studies. The mitigation also includes a \$5 per gallon payment to be used by the WPCF for I&I. This payment will be based on the one to one ration of the Title 5 based sewer generation for each building on the property.

Brief discussion ensued whereas Mr. Wixted indicated that the area will consist of a grocery store which is definite as of now and possibly a bank, retail and restaurant.

MOTION: Commissioner Sweeney move to grant sewer tie in to the Wareham Market Place at Cranberry Hwy. and Tobey Rd. as studied and proposed. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

b) Discussion of Sewer System Development Charge for proposed Minot Avenue residential development

Discussion ensued if it should be one fee or multiple sewer tie in fees since it is more than one home. Board discusses that this is only one tie in to the large forced main and not six separate tie-ins.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved that one (1) sewer system development fee be charged for the six (6) dwelling units to Lawrence Hill for the one connection to tie in at Minot Avenue development as recommended. Commissioner Dunlop seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

c) Submission of Fall Town Meeting Warrant Article – transfer of funds from Retained Earnings to FY17 WPCF Budget.

Mr. Campinha stated that the request to transfer funds is for study and design for the primary clarifiers to help remove the solids from the basins to help solve the odor problem. The amount is approximately \$800,000 for engineering. Further explanation was given regarding the purpose of the primary clarifiers. Replacing the open basins with clarifiers would be a solution to the odor problems

Mr. Campinha further explained steps taken to address odors which included odor surveys to determine if the odors were hazardous and the intensity of the odors. A representative from the Worcester DEP office visited the plant and determined that the odors are not hazardous. A pilot program using hydrogen sulfide at the pump stations to reduce some of the odors before coming to the plant resulted with corrosion and rotting in the wet wells. We are working with Tech Environment's offered suggestions. A multitude of things are being done to mitigate the odors. The back basins are covered with pods and permanganate is being used. Chlorine bleach is being added at the pump stations to address problems before the waste reaches the treatment plant. It may take several months before the right formula can be determined as to what other chemicals and their ratio can be used in the attempt to stem the odors. With the clarifiers, unlike the basins where solids sit and decay, the solids will be processed and removed.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Commissioner Sweeney moved that an article be submitted for the 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant requesting the transfer funds from retained earnings to the Water Pollution Control Facility Annual Budget for the purpose of permitting, planning and design of primary clarifiers. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Note: Article to be refined and brought back to Board for approval.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Greasezilla

Mr. Campinha presented a sample of the oil generated from the grease in Greasezilla made about 1200 gallons. A tanker will arrive in about 2 weeks to collect oil that is being purchased. Brief discussion ensued. Greasezilla runs on its own fuel and the only cost is for the labor of one employee.

2) Survey cards

Mr. Campinha reported that the cards have been printed and stamped and will be enclosed with the sewer usage bills going out next month.

3) RSVP to Buzzards Bay Coalition for August 10th tour – 3 pm to 6 pm

Mr. Campinha will RSVP for Commissioners Giberti, Bronk and Dunlop. Commissioner Sweeney has RVSP to attend.

4) Attendance at WEFTEC International Trade Show – September 25 thru 29, 2016.

Mr. Campinha reported that the trade show will be in New Orleans and he will be an international judge for the collection system. Requested approval to attend.

MOTION: Commissioner Sweeney move to consent that the Superintendent attend the WEFTEC International Trade Show from September 25 thru September 29, 2016 in New Orleans. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

5) Announcements

a) He will be making a presentation on Monday at the Acushnet Sawmill Hawes Learning Center regarding our nitrogen probes beginning at 10:30 a.m.

b) Middle School students will be touring the plant on Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

c) Attended 2 day Hazardous Mitigation seminar in June and was certified in preparation of Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Town Administrator will be setting up meetings with department heads to move forward with a Plan.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESSS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated items)

(none)

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Review of Policies

1. Certification of Vote – acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 39J (#13)
No real discussion policy seems fine as is.

2. Sewer Connection Fees & Applications (#14)
Policy is fine as is.

3. F.O.G. Control Program (Grease, etc.) (#15)

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Commissioner Giberti discusses the issue with the amount of paper work involved and there is no mention of enforcement. Policy is taken under advisement and to be revisited.

4. Sewer Fees (w/Amendments) (#16)

Policy tabled until some misinformation is corrected.

9. **LIAISON REPORTS**

(none)

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

a) August 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: Future meeting dates: August 25, 2016, September 15, 2016, and September 29, 2016

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Department Assistant

Attest: _____

Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk

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Date Signed: _____

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 8/29/16