

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: November 30, 2017
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1. MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Giberti at 6:39 pm

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Sewer Commissioners absent: Susan J. Sweeney

Also present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) November 9, 2017

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to accept the meeting minutes of November 9, 2017 as written. Commissioner White seconded.

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

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

(none)

5. SEWER BUSINESS

Chairman Giberti questioned the status of Tighe & Bond. Mr. Campinha responded he had nothing to report as he had not reached out to Tighe & Bond.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Nitrogen level

Mr. Campinha reported the results of testing after permitting period indicated that the nitrogen level was 2.2 mpl. This is important when applying for any funding from the Federal government whereas the EPA requirements are 3 mpl.

2) New employees

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of the 2 new laborers and 1 operator hired within the past month. The increase in staff allows for a 2 man working group. The 2 man team with the new

operator is mainly focusing the list of repairs needed. Additionally, an electrician has been hired to perform any electrical work that requires an electrician.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

1. Modification of Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan

Mr. Campinha edified the Board of the original Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan that was presented at the time of the plant upgrade in 2005. Twelve areas of Town were to be sewerer in conjunction with the upgrade. Those areas were identified with waterways – Agawam River and Weweantic River – which the DEP and EPA referred to as “impaired”. Ten areas were completed. The last two areas (Agawam Beach and Mayflower Ridge areas) were part of Contract 3. Due to the controversial cost of approximately \$30,000 betterment fee, the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners decided to cancel the project. At a meeting of Town and DEP officials, modifications to the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan were discussed and permission was given to allow modification to the Plan. The State suggested that the areas of: Garden Homes North mobile home park, Gateway Shores, Sunny Acres, Greyfield Condos and Stone Village Condos be looked out. The project for these areas has been on hold ever since. The question now is does the Board wish to move forward and continue. CDM projected if all 12 areas were sewerer, the plant would be out of capacity. With the completion of the Outfall project, the plant’s capacity would increase. Lengthy discussion ensued including the issue with Garden Homes North Mobile Home Park.

The current remaining capacity of the treatment plant is approximately 14,000 gals per day.

Commissioner Bronk suggested perhaps a moratorium on future connections while an exact capacity number of the plant has been determined. Chairman Giberti requested that Mr. Campinha prepare a proposed policy regarding a moratorium on sewer connections.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Agreements for Approval

a) Wright-Pierce – Evaluation of Narrows Pump Station Force Main

Mr. Campinha explained the purpose of the contract was to evaluate the sewer pipes from the Narrows Pump Station to the treatment plant for a cost of \$192,000. Discussion ensued wherein the Board supports the relining of the pipe rather than evaluating the sewer pipe.

No action taken. Postponed until the next meeting to allow Mr. Campinha to gather additional information.

2. Vote on FY18 2nd Quarter Bourne IMA Billing

MOTION: Commissioner Dunlop moved to send the commitment for the 2nd Quarter Billing of the Sewer Usage Fee in the amount of \$106,956.20 for the Town of Bourne to John Foster, Treasurer/Collector for collection. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES -11/30/2017 (CONT'D)

The next scheduled meeting December 14, 2017

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Department Assistant

Attest:  _____

Peter G. Dunlop, Clerk pro temp

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 12-14-17

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