

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: January 21, 2016  
Date of Transcription: February 4, 2016  
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### 1. MEETING TO ORDER

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

Chairman Jordan announced that Commissioner Sweeney will be arriving late.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Giberti moved to appoint Commissioner Bronk as interim clerk.  
Commissioner White seconded.

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

### 2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: Marilyn J. Jordan  
James R. Giberti  
Donna M. Bronk  
Malcolm R. White  
Susan J. Sweeney – arrived at 6:35 pm

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

### 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) January 7, 2016

**MOTION:** Commissioner Giberti moved to accept the January 7, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

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

### 4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

a) Claire Smith appeared before the Board with questions regarding the increase in the disposal rate for septage from Bourne to \$.10/gal. She stated that she noticed the increase started with the April 2015 billing. Mrs. Smith questioned why the increase and why the haulers were not notified of the increase. According to Mrs. Smith, the haulers could only charge \$.08/gal. to Bourne residents per the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Bourne. She requested if the Board look into this matter and discuss this at future meeting.

Mr. Campinha informed the Board that 2010 the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners agreed with the Town of Bourne to add \$.02/gal. for septage from Bourne thereby increasing the rate to \$.10/gal. Prior to 2010, the rate for Bourne was increased, by agreement, to \$.09/gal. Due

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to a clerical omission, the rate increase was not changed at that time and Wareham was losing funds due to the fact that Wareham was sending Bourne a check for the \$.02/gal. for the total septage from Bourne. Mr. Campinha reported that the rate increase was approved by the Towns in 2010.

**Note:** A copy of the IMA agreement to be provided to Mrs. Smith and a letter is to be sent to all haulers regarding the rate increase.

**5. SEWER BUSINESS**

a) Abatement

1. 39 Zarahemla Rd. – Account No. 736966, Map 13, Lot 1031A

Present before the Board: Joe Williams

Mr. Campinha recommended that the application for abatement be denied as the application was filed after the filing deadline of October 10, 2015 and was received on December 9, 2015. He also recommended that the account be placed on hold effective December 9, 2015. Although the water was shut off since February 22, 2014, notification was not received at WPCF until December 9, 2015. The account to remain on hold until the water has been turned back on.

Mr. Williams offered an explanation as to why the bills were not paid due to problems with receiving his mail and family issues. He asked for an exception to be made due to his extenuating circumstances.

Chairman Jordan suggested that Mr. Williams file for an application for abatement with the office for the next billing before he leaves for the West coast.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Giberti moved that the application for abatement for 39 Zarahemla Rd., Account No. 736966 be denied as the application was filed after the filing deadline. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant

a) Change of language on previously voted article pertaining to funds that were specific for engineer studies of the I & I (Inflow & Infiltration) in the Swifts Beach area.

Mr. Campinha explained that he recommends that the Board vote to place an article on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant to change the language of Article 7 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting by replacing "Swift's Beach" with "all sewered areas in Town". This would allow for the funds to be used to also address I & I issues in other parts of Town and not restricted to just the Swifts Beach area. Discussion ensued wherein that the article be placed on the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and/or on a 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved that the Board submit an article for the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant to amend to change the language of Article #7 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant by replacing "Swifts Beach" with "all sewered areas in Town" so that the funds may be used for I & I issues for all sewered areas of Town. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

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**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

b) Request for transfer of funds from the Retained Earnings Account to the WPCF FY16 Budget.

Mr. Campinha explained the need for the transfer of funds to address emergency and/or unforeseen infrastructure repairs. Funds in the current budget for unforeseen is approximately \$150,000. Mr. Campinha would seek to place the article on the 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant should there be a Special Town Meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Giberti moved that an article be submitted for the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant to transfer funds from the WPCF Retained Earnings Account to the WPCF FY16 Budget for the purpose of emergency-unforeseen infrastructure repair. The amount to be determined before the Town Meeting. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**Note:** The article to be placed on the 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant should there be a Special Town Meeting.

2. Odors & Air Pollutants Conference – March 21 through March 24, 2016 in Milwaukee, WI.

Mr. Campinha requested authorization to attend the conference. The cost is \$650.00 plus transportation. There are funds in the FY16 Budget under Conferences.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved that Superintendent Campinha be allowed to attend the Odors & Air Pollutants Conference in Milwaukee, WI from March 21 through March 24, 2016. Commissioner White seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**Side note:** Mr. Campinha edified the Board of steps being taken to address the odor complaints.

3. Onset & Wareham Fire Districts requests to use Dick's Pond pump station for integration of both water systems.

Mr. Campinha reported that the Onset and Wareham Water Districts are looking to make an inter connection by the Dick's Pond Pump Station. To make the connection there would be the need for a value box and the districts are seeking permission to use the property where the pump station is located. The matter has been referred to Town Counsel as to what entity would entered into an agreement with the water districts. Brief discussion ensued. A presentation to be made to the Sewer Commissioners by the water districts.

4. Weston/Sampson – check of Barnes ejector pump stations for sewer users of Contracts 1 & 2.

Mr. Campinha reported that Weston/Sampson checks Barnes ejector pumps and they stated that there are several problems with the ejector pumps' flow controls. A letter from Weston/Sampson to be sent to Williamson regarding the flow control issues and replacement/repairs.

5. Send out letters with billing regarding sump pumps.

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Mr. Campinha reiterated the problems on the sump pumps with properties with the ejector pumps. Sump pumps emptying into the sewer system is illegal per DEP regulations and the Town's By-Laws. Commissioner Jordan suggested that a newsletter be sent with the next billing cycle citing the issue of sump pumps.

- 6) Update report on outfall relocation.

Mr. Campinha and Commissioner Giberti reported the meeting in Boston was well attended and very positive. Mr. Campinha stated that there had been a subsequent meeting at Mass Maritime and the \$200,000 grant has been approved. A kick off meeting is being scheduled after which the first issue would be the survey of the railroad line and the need analysis. A meeting at Congressman Keating's Hyannis office is scheduled for January 26 to request help from the Congressman with the Corp of Engineers. A grant for \$850,000 has been submitted and accepted by the EPA. If approved, it would be for a 2 year period (\$425,000/yr) for the feasibility study of the plant, all the infrastructure and the needs analysis of all the communities.

### **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated items)**

- a) Chairman Jordan announced a changed in the meeting dates. The March 3<sup>rd</sup> date is changed to March 10, 2016.

- b) Chairman reported that Town Counsel has prepared a draft IMA agreement with the water districts.

- c) February 4, 2016 would need a quorum as the Chairman and Commissioner Bronk will not be attending.

- d) Chairman Jordan reported that request to have an audit performed by Abrahams was denied. In lieu, there is an offer to educate the Commissioners. Mr. Foster and Ms. Lauzon will conduct the training. Mr. Abrahams will also be present.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Utility Cloud Presentation

Present: Matt Bianchi of Utility Cloud

Mr. Bianchi presented a slide presentation how the Utility Cloud is and can be used by WPCF personnel and the Board. The Board through the Cloud can view every manhole, sewer pipe lines and pump stations. The view of the pipes by the robotic camera would show where the problems lie and could be used for preventative and corrective measures. All assets of the WPCF can be seen through the Cloud.

Mr. Campinha stated that the Utility Cloud program will be used to address the grease policy for the restaurants.

- b) Discussion of sewer line extension to:

- 1) Preservation Lane

Utilizing the Utility Cloud, Mr. Campinha explained to the Board and suggested that any sewer line extension should be completed by WPCF. This will allow uniformity in laying out the main line and the laterals. The cost of the project will be paid initially out of the WPCF budget with the property owners being assessed a betterment fee for the actual cost of the project.

- 2) Oakdale Heights

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Mr. Campinha reiterated the same process for Oakdale Heights as for Preservation Lane and suggested that the two projects be combined. Mr. Campinha will begin the process of gathering information regarding legal costs and construction costs to be presented to the Board at a later date.

9. LIAISON REPORTS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

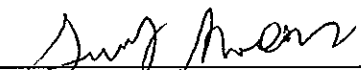
The next meeting scheduled for February 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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

Attest:   
**Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk**  
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 2/25/16

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 2/29/2016