

**MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING WAREHAM WATER COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Date of Meeting: October 5, 2015
Location: Wareham Water Dept., 2550 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA
Date of Transcription: November 25, 2015
Transcribed by: Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa (from audio only recording)

The joint meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners and the Wareham Water Commissioners began at 6:00 p.m.

Sewer Commissioners Present: Marilyn J. Jordan
James R. Giberti
Malcolm R. White
Susan J. Sweeney

Water Commissioner Present: Edward Tamagini
John English
Richard England

Others Present: Guy Campinha, Superintendent – WPCF
George Barrett, Wareham Fire District Prudential
Committee
Andy Reid, Water Dept. Superintendent
Wendy Lemieux, Water Dept. Clerk/Treasurer
Andy Cunningham, Water Dept. Operations Superintendent
John Markey, Wareham Water District Counsel

The purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss obtaining information from the water department as to the meter readings of water users who are also on Town sewer. The information would assist the Board in their establishment of a hybrid system (which consists of a flat rate and water consumption rate) of the EDU rate which would be based on water consumption.

Discussion continued with the Sewer Commissioners expressing the need and the importance of the information from the water department. Also raised was what would be the cost of obtaining such information; if a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Water District would be necessary; about discrepancy of approximately 900 sewer user accounts that are not in agreement with the accounts of the water department. The possibility of using a map/lot system for identifying and tracking property location was briefly discussed as this may assist in addressing the discrepancies between the sewer accounts and the water accounts.

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Questions were raised about properties using water for irrigation, lawn watering and other water usage that would not be going into the sewer system. Suggestions of the possibility separate water meters and at what additional cost to property owners were discussed.

The goal for establishing the EDU hybrid system rate is for Fiscal Year 2018.

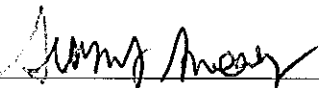
Commissioner Sweeney explained the Granicus portal that the Sewer Commissioners have in place. This program is a citizen's participation program where the citizens log in and expresses their concerns and questions rather than emails and telephone calls and as well as educating the public on sewer matters.

Also discussed was the Water Management Act Grant Application in where the water district would like the Board of Sewer Commissioners to partner with the district. This might help the water district in obtaining their grant. Mr. Reid suggested a workshop meeting before submission of the grant. Chairman Jordan agreed to pass the information of the formation of a subcommittee to other members of the Sewer Commission.

Respectfully submitted

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Department Assistant

Attest: 

Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 12/3/15

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 12/7/2015