



Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt
Clerk/Thomas Hartnett

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: April 19, 2017

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Town Hall/First Floor

Members Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt
Clerk/Thomas Hartnett

Others Present: Ann Livezey /Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Croy/Business Manager/Bob Rafferty/EPA& James Ryan

The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 2:00 PM

James Ryan/96 Hollis Street Abatement

Mr. Ryan came before the BOSC requesting an abatement for his property located at 96 Hollis Street. He informed the BOSC that he has lived in the house for 12-years and his bills have always been consistent except for 2-quarters dated back to 2014. Mr. Ryan is looking for assistance from the BOSC because to his knowledge there is nothing that he has done that would contribute to this high sewer bill for those quarters. Mr. Gmeiner did explain to Mr. Ryan that one of the quarters in question, does include summer watering months. Mr. Ryan replied that he has lived in the house for quite some time and there has never been a summer that he has used that much water. Mr. Gmeiner also made mention that it is concerning because if it was in fact a leaky toilet, then that water went down the drain and into the sewer system, which means that water was paid to be treated.

Mr. Hartnett stated he feels everything seems fairly consistent up until those (2) qtrs. in question and he would be willing to consider abating a portion of the usage. Mr. Gmeiner suggested abating (31) units on the September 2014 sewer billing cycle and (11) units on the December 2014 sewer billing cycle. Mr. Orcutt also reminded Mr. Ryan that arrangements need to be made to have the meter replaced.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to abate (31) Units of the September 2014 Sewer billing cycle and (11) units of the December 2014 sewer billing. Mr. Orcutt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bob Rafferty/Pepperell Agreement

Mr. Rafferty informed the BOSC that the Pepperell meeting was rescheduled. He did inform the BOSC that he sent the spreadsheets and calculations along with his suggestions of the breakdown of the costs for them to review.

Sewer Rates Discussion

Mr. Gmeiner requested to hold a hearing on rates for May 17th, 2017 and he would like the necessary information published in the paper.

Ayer IMA:

Mr. Rafferty said that they are close to an agreement with Ayer and once an agreement is reached it will then go to the Selectman. Mr. Gmeiner inquired about the connection fees and what will be involved. Mr. Rafferty stated if anyone wants to connect the fee will be \$4,800.00. Mr. Rafferty also mentioned having a discussion on whether or not this project would be extended to Lost Lake. His concern is the diameter of the pipe could be an issue because we went with a 6" pipe rather than a 4" pipe and this could possibly be a maintenance issue and we may want to go back to a 4" if not extending to Lost Lake. Mr. Gmeiner asked what kind of maintenance is involved by using a 4" pipe versus 6" pipe. Mr. Rafferty replied that a 6" pipe would need to be flushed more often and would require the opening of a hydrant to do so. Mr. Gmeiner replied that this would be a decision of the Selectman and Mr. Rafferty said there is time and that the contractor would still have time to order the correct size pipe when it's decided.

FY18 Operating Budget:

No discussion at this time

Other Business, Bills, Minutes etc. :

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on the May 3, 2017 @ 2:00 PM.

BILLS SIGNED

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-17, Expense Warrants (EW-022).

MINUTES: April 5, 2017 minutes were approved.

ADJOURN – Mr. Hartnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10PM. Mr. Orcutt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey, Water & Sewer Assistant

