

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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street Groton MA 01450

Date: June 14, 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 Crory/Business Manager and

Judy Anderson

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

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that they are in the process of planning another meeting with Pepperell and Mr. Rafferty is going to write up a memo for Pepperell in advance so we will be prepared for the next meeting.

Rates hearing Continued:

The rates hearing began at 2:30 and Mr. Hartnett read the following notice that was published in the Groton Herald April 27th, 2017 & May 4th, 2017.

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Chapter 83 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and the Town of Groton Usage Fee Regulations, the Groton Sewer Commission will hold a Public Hearing, Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 2:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 173 Main St., Groton, MA to consider amending the wastewater rates.

> **Groton Sewer Commission** James L. Gmeiner, Chairman 4/28, 5/5

Mrs. Crory presented the BOSC with an adjusted revenue report with the addition of the new 4th tier and a 10% increase across the other tiers. Mr. Gmeiner stated that the report shows a positive cash flow with the increase. The BOSC made a motion on May 31st to add the 4th tier and a 10% increase across the other tiers and it passed unanimously. Mr. Orcutt will submit a rate increase notice to be put in the Groton Herald to alert the residents of the upcoming increase that will take effect August 1, 2017.

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FY17/FY18 Operating Budget:

Mr. Gmeiner asked about the status of the estimated June billing from Pepperell so we can pay this fiscal year. We have received the bill and will have it approved at the next BOSC meeting.

Mr. Gmeiner inquired about the Enterprise Fund Indirect Cost Policy and would like to arrange a meeting with Mrs. Dufresne/Town Accountant to discuss. He mentioned in the past Enterprise Funds were based on coming up with a % based on our budget to the Towns Budget and each Enterprise Fund was done that way. He feels that doing it this way does not seem like a bad idea because some years when we have numerous projects going on we utilize Mr. Hartnett, Tax Collector/Town Treasurer and Mrs. Dufresne/Town Accountant.

Mr. Hartnett made a motion to transfer \$2,500.00 from general expenses to wages and Mr.Orcutt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business, Bills, Minutes etc.:

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on the June 28th, 2017 @ 2:00 PM.

BILLS SIGNED

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-17, Expense Warrants (EW-25).

MINUTES: May 31, 2017 minutes were approved.

ADJOURN – Mr. Orcuttt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 PM. Mr. Hartnett seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Livezey, Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:

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