



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**

173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** September 6 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, Judy Anderson/Resident, Devin McGlynn/Ice Brook Building Systems, Gary Shepherd and John Amaral/Omni Properties

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

**2-8 Hollis Street – Sewer Installation**

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC he was notified of exterior excavation work being done involving the sewer line at 2-8 Hollis Street and was not aware of any permits being pulled for ground work etc. Mr. Orcutt invited Mr. McGlynn from Ice Brook Building Systems to attend the BOSC meeting to discuss the outside excavation work being done on site. Mr. McGlynn expressed that their involvement with the project was for interior fit up and to make the connection for the plumbing waste to the sewer line. Due to the Mass State Plumbing Codes gravity was needed to connect the sanitary drains. He did inform the BOSC they went before the Conservation Commission because of the stream located behind the property. Mr. McGlynn also mentioned Dig Safe came out and did a radar inside/outside and determined it was a straight shot from the backdoor. It was after that the plumbers came out and did the connection to the sewer line.

Mr. Orcutt stated that there has been a multitude of errors in this process and the Sewer Commission was not notified of this work being done. Mr. Orcutt also informed Mr. McGlynn that an as built would be required in order for the Pepperell DPW to sign off on it. Mr. Orcutt recommended that Mr. McGlynn hire a professional with a camera to do the inspection rather than having to dig it all up. This would allow Carmen/Pepperell DPW to do a visual inspection and sign off on it. Mr. Orcutt asked to be notified when the arrangements were made so he could coordinate with Pepperell DPW.

**Mr. Gmeiner made a motion for the visual camera inspection to be done by Pepperell DPW and also for clarification from David E. Ross regarding the project. Mr. Hartnett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Pepperell IMA**

No new information was discussed at this time.

## **Indian Hill – Capacity Charges**

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Shepherd if anything has been increased for the Indian Hill project that would require additional capacity and if there was a time frame for the connection. Mr. Shepherd is hopeful that the pipes would be connected next year and he thinks by the end of 2019 the initial flushing would take place. Mr. Gmeiner informed Mr. Shepherd the overall estimated fees would be \$120K. Mr. Gmeiner also reminded Mr. Shepherd about the GBF contribution which would be \$51K of the \$120K and the way the regulations work there would be a look back after one year. If you would rather not have us come back a year later, then the GBF needs to be figured out and we will need to have a discussion to come up with that number. Mr. Shepherd expressed his concern that if he purchases capacity he wants access to it and he would like the rates and fee's broken out. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mrs. Livezey to resend Mr. Shepherd the memo showing the preliminary Cost estimate for Sewer Hook Up.

Mr. Hartnett asked Mr. Shepherd where the tie in would take place exactly. Mr. Orcutt replied that there would be a dedicated line at the corner of Ayer Road and 119. Mr. Hartnett asked why he would want a dedicated line up on a hill all the way to the common where there is one half way. Mr. Shepherd said a lot of thought has gone into this and due to the size, volume and pressure if the line was ever to give way it would flood the abutters. Mr. Gmeiner also mentioned that this would prevent further expansion into the district.

## **66-68 Boston Road – Capacity**

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that Mr. Hartnett/Tax Collector-Treasurer reviewed the records of 66 Boston Road and is showing there is an unpaid betterment on the property of \$10,476.84. Mr. Gmeiner reviewed the original paperwork and determined that there may have been a lump sum paid up front. Mr. Gmeiner informed Mr. Amaral he confirmed with Mr. Hartnett's/Tax Collector-Treasurer that this is in fact the payoff amount on the betterment.

Mr. Amaral indicated that there has been several offers on the property and that he has informed all interested buyers that they must hook up to sewer and connect water to the house. Mr. Gmeiner also informed Mr. Amaral that all interested buyers should know that there is limited capacity and if more is needed, they would need to come before the BOSC.

## **Groton Inn - Capacity**

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Amaral if there have been any changes made to the Groton Inn that would require additional capacity than what was approved. Mr. Amaral provided a sheet from David E. Ross Associates, Inc. showing the proposed sewer flow calculations from October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and

the total flow as 13,970 gal/day and informed the BOSC he is satisfied with those calculations. Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that the capacity has been paid for the Restaurant and Inn.

**Fall Town Meeting:**

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that he received the bills for the Pepperell Upgrade and would like to do a transfer to cover the costs associated with these bills. Mr. Gmeiner asked that he get the actual numbers together and put on the Fall Town Meeting Agenda.

**Other Business, Bills, Minutes etc.:**

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on September 20, 2017 @ 2:00 PM.

**BILLS SIGNED**

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-18, Expense Warrants (EW-6).

**MINUTES:** August 9<sup>th</sup> & August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 minutes were approved.

**ADJOURN** – Mr. Hartnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3: 05 PM. Mr. Orcutt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Livezey, Water & Sewer Assistant

**APPROVED:**

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