

**GROTON SEWER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF May 14, 2015 MEETING
2:30 PM – TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Commission Chair James Gmeiner called the meeting of the Sewer Commission to order at 2:30 P.M. Also present were the Vice Chairman, Thomas Orcutt, and Clerk, Thomas Hartnett. Town Manager, Mark Haddad and Treasurer/Collector, Michael Hartnett, (Tom's nephew), made a brief appearance at the beginning of the meeting. Minutes were taken by Ruth Stevens, Water/Sewer Assistant.

Presentation

Mr. Gmeiner presented a box to Mr. Thomas Hartnett, commemorating his 10 Years of Service on the Groton BOSC. Mr. Haddad congratulated Mr. Hartnett and told him how much his service was appreciated by the Town. Mr. Hartnett grinned and opened the box containing a "Golden Plunger" Award and was not the least bit surprised by it. All present had a good laugh, and congratulated Mr. Hartnett on his 10th Year Anniversary as a Sewer Commissioner.

Inflow and Infiltration

Mr. Orcutt presented a proposal from National Water Main Cleaning Company which was requested by Carmen DeFillippo of the Town of Pepperell's Sewer Treatment Plant. Mr. Orcutt stated that the Broadmeadow Road location is the area of concern to the Town of Groton due to the surrounding wetlands. He explained that a pipe comes out of the ball field and ends by the rail line. The issue of concern is that if the pipe clogs up, it could cause back-up of other buildings like Lawrence Academy. Mr. Gmeiner recollected that the pipes had clogged twice and were cleaned out 3-5 times over the last 20 years. He agreed that it was a critical thing and would be wise to have have it done. Mr. Hartnett suggested that the BOSC should consider trying to get them to come down in price. Mr. Gmeiner agreed. Mr. Orcutt questioned the Board as to whether or not they could wait until after July 1, 2015. He mentioned that due to budget issues, it would be prudent to wait until that date. Mr. Gmeiner concurred and Mr. Orcutt also suggested that it should not take all of 5 days to complete the work. Mr. Hartnett said that Pepperell should get other bids. Mr. Orcutt agreed that Pepperell would formally need to put it out to bid. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Orcutt to get further information from Mr. DeFillippo.

Four Corners Sewers

Mr. Orcutt updated the BOSC that Town Meeting had approved the Four Corners Sewer District stipulating that there be no construction unless they get it funded 100% by a grant, which was obtained by Bob Rafferty of Environmental Partners Group, Inc. and was hired by Mr. Haddad.

Other Business

Next Meeting

Mr. Gmeiner requested that the BOSC schedule a meeting for Wednesday, June 3, 2015 @2:30 PM.

BILLS SIGNED

One Set of Bills and/or Invoices were signed for payment at this meeting for EW-24.

MINUTES of May. 6, 2015 – Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the previous week’s minutes, Mr. Orcutt seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 P.M. Mr. Hartnett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Stevens
Water & Sewer Assistant