

**GROTON SEWER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF June 17, 2015, MEETING  
2:30 PM – TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

Commission Chair James Gmeiner called the meeting of the Sewer Commission to order at 2:30 PM. Also present were Clerk, Thomas Hartnett and Business Manager, April Iannacone. Mr. Orcutt, Vice Chair was not present. Minutes were taken by Ruth Stevens, Water/Sewer Assistant.

**Abatement Request for 38 Willowdale**

Ms. Iannacone presented the BOSC with a signed Application for Abatement of Sewer Charge form (see attached) from Karen Gannon of 38 Willowdale Road. She explained that the customer had previously had intermittent toilet trouble going on, but a leak was never detected. She has received an extremely high bill and is requesting help due to her financial situation. Mr. Hartnett made a motion to abate the sewer portion of the bill by calculating all of the usage at the Tier One level and charging her half of that amount (105 Units x 7.67/unit = \$805.35 divided by 2 = \$402.68). Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion with the recommendation that Ms. Gannon understand that she needs to be checking her toilets daily, and if she is away, she would need to have someone looking after things. He also thought it would be prudent to have a plumber check for leaks. He stated that if it happens again, she would have no recourse.

**Financials**

Ms. Iannacone presented the BOSC with a brief update on current financials (see attached). She told the Board that the Budget Sheet represented all known expenses for June with the exception that the Budget Sheet does not reflect any June Income to date. In the final analysis, Ms. Iannacone projected a surplus of \$20 -\$30K left at the close of FY15.

**Other Business**

**Sewer Siphon Cleaning Update**

Ms. Iannacone recommended waiting until the beginning of the new Fiscal Year 2016 to send out for Sewer Siphon Cleaning quotes from vendors so there would be no budget crossover. Mr. Hartnett and Mr. Gmeiner agreed with that suggestion. Mr. Gmeiner stated that the quotes should be ready to go out for July 1<sup>st</sup>. He also stated that the process should be completed by the end of August. Ms. Iannacone concurred that things should be in order when Lawrence Academy returns back to school in the Fall.

**Next Meeting** - Mr. Gmeiner requested that the BOSC schedule a meeting for Wednesday, July 1 2015 @2:30 PM.

**BILLS SIGNED**

One Set of Bills and/or Invoices were signed for payment at this meeting for EW-26.

**MINUTES of June 3, 2015** – Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Mr. Hartnett seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM. Mr. Hartnett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Stevens, Water & Sewer Assistant