

**GROTON SEWER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2016 MEETING
2:00 PM – TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Commission Chair James Gmeiner called the meeting of the Sewer Commission to order at 2:00 PM. Also present was Vice Chair, Thomas Orcutt. Minutes were taken by Ruth Stevens, Water/Sewer Assistant.

Public Hearing – Sewer Regulation Revision

Mr. Gmeiner Opened the Public Hearing at 2:01 PM. Mr. Orcutt read the Public Hearing Notice (see attached). There was no input from the Public. Mr. Bouchard, Town Clerk, joined the meeting with regard to revising the Sewer Regulations. Mr. Gmeiner said that since both of the Sewer Regulations (396-2, and 396-17) have been superceded by Chapter 190 of the Groton Code, he suggested leaving the Regulation Numbers in as is, deleteing the current text of each Regulation and placing “See Chapter 190 of the Groton Code” next to each Regulation Number. This would keep it in sequential order and would instruct the reader as to where to look. Mr. Bouchard suggested changing the words “please see” to “please reference” and concurred with the changes. After a brief discussion, Mr. Orcutt made a motion to Close the Public Hearing, Mr. Gmeiner Seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Gmeiner then made a motion to revise the Mandatory Sewer Connection Bylaws as follows:

Chapter 396-2 Mandatory Sewer Connection Bylaw:

Delete the current text under Chapter 396-2 and replace with: “Please reference Chapter 190 of the Code of Groton”

And

Chapter 396-17 Mandatory Sewer Connection Bylaw

Delete the current text under Chapter 396-17 and replace it with: “Please reference Chapter 190 of the Code of Groton”

Mr. Orcutt, then seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Bouchard agreed to send the changes to the appropriate parties.

Inter-municipal Agreement Discussion

Mr. Gmeiner requested that Mr. Rafferty of Environmental Partners come to the next meeting on August 3, 2016. Mr. Orcutt said he would send an E-mail to Mr. Jordan of the Pepperell DPW to make him aware that Groton is continuing to work on the Pepperell IMA.

436 Main Street

Mr. Mark Thibeau and Mrs. Jacqueline Thibeau of 436 Main Street came to meet with the BOSC with their desire to connect said property to the Sewer line as they are already in the Sewer District. Mr. Thibeau began by telling the BOSC that he had met with Honeywell (owners of property next to him) about an easement to go from their property to his property to the Street in order to connect. He said that Honeywell is willing to grant him the easement. He also had the property surveyed. The reason he came before the BOSC was to ask for suggestions as to *where* he needs to access to have the work done. Mr. Gmeiner replied that Sewer would be responsible for putting in a stub. He continued that due to low pressure, Mr. Thibeau would need a grinder pump since they can't do a gravity line. He also said he would need to have directional drilling done and get to where the manhole is. He told him that the hatched area on the property would be fine (water, gas, and sewer line). They would then run a stub where the access would be. They looked at the Town Map and Mr. Gmeiner noted that, making the assumption that the manhole is 90 degrees out – the paved area is where they would be looking at. He also pointed out there is a brook and once the stub is put in, Mr. Thibeau would need to figure out how to get it from his house to there. Mr. Orcutt then suggested to go under the brook. He also asked them what the ground was like behind their house. They told him it was shale. Mr. Orcutt pointed out that they only need to go down 3 feet. Mr. Gmeiner said that he will call Five Oaks to see if they would directional drill to go under the brook. He noted that the shale would not make it easy. Mrs. Thibeau stressed that she and her husband want to make sure that everything is set up correctly before they do any of the work. Mr. Gmeiner assured them and said the BOSC would have their engineer take a look at the situation and figure out how to do it. Mr. Orcutt mentioned that the cost could run from \$8-10K to run the Sewer line plus a grinder pump. Mr. Thibeau asked him if the BOSC was still going to reimburse him for part of the work. Mr. Orcutt then asked the Thibeau's if they would consider on-site septic. Mr. Gmeiner added that they might think of putting a septic in for X amount of money and having the BOSC kick in a \$5-10K to help defray the cost. Mr. Thibeau said that he would research the idea and get back to the BOSC. Mr. Gmeiner reiterated that he would have their engineer take a look to see if the BOSC fits in to their area. Mr. Thibeau added that the NABOH seems okay with what they want to do. Mrs. Thibeau added that there was no concern of contamination when they dug up the road and restated their desire to get it right, from the beginning. Mr. Orcutt asked them to think about the other septic option. Mr. Gmeiner questioned how many bedrooms they are talking about. Mr. Thibeau answered 4 or 5. Mr. Gmeiner cautioned that with septic, if you increase the number of bedrooms, it becomes more expensive.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held **Wednesday, August 3, 2016 @ 2:30 PM.**

BILLS SIGNED

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-17, Expense Warrants (EW-03).

MINUTES of July 13, 2016 – Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Mr. Orcutt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN – Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Stevens,
Water & Sewer Assistant