



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: December 6, 2017

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Town Hall/First Floor

Members Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Absent: Clerk/Thomas Hartnett

Others Present: Ann Livezey /Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Judy Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Lane, Rafaella Torterella and Ralph/Property Manager

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

21 Lovers Lane - Connect to Town Sewer

Mrs. Myra Lane came before the BOSC to discuss her deteriorating septic system that will need to be replaced at some point. She asked the BOSC if there are any current plans of sewer coming down Lovers Lane. Mr. Gmeiner said at this time there are no plans for a sewer line to be installed, but that does not mean that residents may want to connect to sewer in the future. Mr. Gmeiner stated to get sewer to your house at 21 Lovers Lane would require a Town Meeting Vote and it would have to be a low pressure system that would require a grinder pump. Mrs. Lane asked the BOSC for a ballpark figure of the cost if she were to replace the existing septic system. Mr. Orcutt informed Mrs. Lane that the BOSC does not get involved with septic and Mr. Gmeiner suggested that Mrs. Lane meet with Ira Grossman of the Board of Health and he would be able to give you some ideas of cost and he may have some names of local contractors.

Mr. Gmeiner also informed Mrs. Lane that as of today, there has not been any inquiries to bring sewer down Lovers Lane. He did say it would be possible to get sewer to your house, but you should weigh out the costs associated with it. Mrs. Lane asked the BOSC to recap the necessary steps and requirements.

Mr. Gmeiner suggested that Mrs. Lane get an estimate from a local contractor, then you would need to pay \$5k for a grinder pump, piping and electricity costs would be anywhere from \$500-\$1,000 to get hooked up. There also would be a GBF fee of \$6,500.00 and then you would need to purchase capacity @ \$6.58/per gallon. Mr. Gmeiner also suggested when purchasing capacity you should allocate for an additional bedroom which would be another 110 gallons and that could be useful if you were going to consider selling the property.

Mrs. Anderson asked what would happen if they were to put in a private sewer line and in the future someone else wanted to connect to sewer, how would that be handled. Mr. Gmeiner stated that can be tricky, with water if someone wants to hook in within a five year period they would be required to pay the current a portion of the cost. With sewer they BOSC would consider extending it over a longer period of time, but would come with a non-transferable license. This means if you were to sell the property within that time frame the license would not transfer to the new owner.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Orcutt stated that he sent an email out and copied Rafferty and should get a letter this month and that Pepperell was reviewing the IMA.

497A Main Street – Sewer Connection

Rafaella Torterella informed the BOSC that she is interested in opening a European Bakery at 497 Main Street “A”, but was told by the BOH she would need to install a grease trap. She gave the BOSC plans that were drawn up by Land Tech showing the pipe will run along the building underground and connect around the front where Kitchen Art used to be. Mr. Gmeiner asked if Ira Grossman/BOH recommended a 1,000 gallon grease trap and Rafaella said yes based on the outside that is what he required. Mr. Gmeiner informed Rafaella the importance of keeping up on the maintenance of the grease trap to avoid a backup.

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that Rafaella has been in a few times and has spoken to the Board of Health along with the Sewer Department and he recommended that she come before the BOSC to review the grease trap plans to have approved and also to discuss additional capacity. Rafaella asked besides cost now that they have reviewed the plans if they foresee any issues. Mr. Orcutt replied that he does not have any issues with the installation of the grease trap, but he would like to make sure that the clean outs are done and Mr. Gmeiner agreed.

Mr. Gmeiner asked if this business would be considered a restaurant or a fast food place and Rafaella informed the BOSC her current plans are to have fresh baked goods with a coffee shop and dessert with the potential of seating for (18). Mr. Gmeiner said the original space was given capacity for office space, which was $75/\text{gpd} \times 1.5 = 112.5/\text{gpd}$ so you would need an additional capacity of 247.5/gpd for 18 seats. The calculation would be $18 \text{ seats} @ 20/\text{gpd} = 360/\text{gpd}$ and we subtract the current allocated capacity of 112.5 and that would be $247.5 / \text{gpd} \times \$6.58 = \$1,628.55$. Ralph asked if Rafaella did not do the seating would the cost be less. Mr. Orcutt recommended purchasing the capacity now because in the future it may not be available.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to approve the plans submitted by LandTech dated November 30th, 2017 with a 1,000 gallon grease trap with two additional clean outs at the bend, Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to reserve 247.5/gpd for 497 Main Street “A” for a bakery as shown on plans, Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously

Indian Hill Invoice

No new information at this time.

Sewer Capacity Discussion:

No discussion at this time.

Other Business, Bills, Minutes etc.:

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that he did a walk thru on Monday and everything on the Ayer side looks good and on the Groton side, there was one manhole on Wiley Road that needed attention. He also said there are no paving issues, so there will be a new road when done.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on January 10th, 2018 @ 2:00 PM.

BILLS SIGNED

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-18, Expense Warrants (EW-14).

MINUTES: November 15th, 2017 minutes were approved.

ADJOURN – Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey, Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED: January 11, 2018
