



Chair/James Gmeiner  
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

## Town of Groton Sewer Department

Groton MA 01450

**Date:** February 15, 2018

**Time:** 2:00 P.M.

**Location:** Town Hall/First Floor

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

**Others Present:** Ann Livezey /Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Croy/Business Manager, Bob Rafferty/EPA, Judy Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Lane

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The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 2:00 P.M.

### **21 Lovers Lane**

Mr. Orcutt suggested the Lanes come in to discuss the possibility of extending the sewer district to their property. He informed the Lanes that it would have to be a board decision to pursue this and put it on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Spring 2018. Mr. Gmeiner stated that he has no problem putting the article on the warrant and that would give the Lanes the opportunity to further develop their plan. Mr. Orcutt said his personal feeling is that for capacity purposes, he is not in favor. Mr. Gmeiner said it has to be a full board decision and for short term he does not have any problem to request to have added to the warrant. Mr. Gmeiner did ask the Lanes if they have approached any of the neighbors about connecting. Mrs. Lane said she has not at this time. Mr. Gmeiner said we could discuss capacity and we do have reserves for properties and feels this fits in what he holds reserves for. Mr. Orcutt said he would put together an article for the Town Meeting for the Lanes Property and the adjacent parcel. Mr. Gmeiner suggested that Mrs. Lane reach out to the property owners of the adjacent parcel and we could have them in to discuss. He also suggested that the Lanes work on getting prices for the project. Mrs. Lane said she did speak with Brian Lagasse and he feels that this work could be done.

### **Town Meeting Articles**

The BOSOC will be adding the following to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for spring 2018

- *To extend the sewer district to Lovers Lane to include certain Assessors parcels for the purpose of allowing those properties to connect to the Town sewer system.*
- *To transfer funds from the Sewer Enterprise Surplus to support the FY2018 operating budget.*

## **Four Corners Sewer District**

Mr. Orcutt gave an update to the BOSC that paving, loam and seed is left to be done at the site. He mentioned they would like to use a modified mix, but Mr. Delaney of the DPW will make that decision. Mr. Rafferty also mentioned that two manholes are collecting water and need attention. Mr. Rafferty said he had a conversation with Greg at Ducharme & Gillis and they were considering grinder pumps and Mr. Rafferty informed him that the gravity sewer may be tough, but he can propose something. Mr. Orcutt asked if the line is capable of handling that and asked if it would be easier for a pump station. Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Rafferty what it would cost for a pump station and Mr. Rafferty said he would look into what (24) pumps cost. Mr. Orcutt said he would have a conversation with Dave Moulton and he would rather do individual. Mr. Rafferty also stated that Ayer would be doing the O&M.

Mr. Gmeiner provided a draft for the bylaws for four corners which differentiates from the existing regulations we have for the center district. Mr. Orcutt asked if the BOSC wants an article for the bylaws. Mr. Gmeiner said fall would be fine and Mr. Orcutt asked if they needed bylaw in place to be up and running for the spring. Mr. Gmeiner stated that once up and running we need in place, so Mr. Orcutt suggested the spring article. Mr. Gmeiner said that regulations can be done at any time. Mr. Gmeiner informed the BOSC that he crossed out some language about calculating flow and flow calculations on properties and how to access PPA. Mr. Gmeiner also suggested that we may want another article to get rid of bylaws for the center district and Mr. Orcutt suggested we do that in the fall.

Mrs. Anderson stated that the BOH was upset because they were not advised about what was happening with the sewer at Four Corners. Mr. Orcutt said they have been notified and informed them that all new construction will connect and there are only a few existing buildings left to connect.

## **Pepperell IMA**

Mr. Gmeiner stated that he has reviewed the word doc. submitted by Mr. Rafferty and he suggested that we send it over to Mr. Doneski to review and Mr. Orcutt agreed.

Mr. Rafferty reviewed some flow calculations with the BOSC and he will run the numbers by a coworker to make sure they are correct. Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that he has written a letter to Pepperell informing them that we are not in agreement of the IMA at this time. Mr. Gmeiner asked that copies be made of old billing and given to Mr. Rafferty to review and that may help clarify how the billing was done originally.

**Budget FY2019**

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mrs. Crory the status of the Sewer Budget at this time. She replied that she did have some questions on the Pepperell Design & Upgrade portion. Mr. Gmeiner stated that this money was transferred in the fall. He informed Mrs. Crory that they will begin to crunch numbers on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on February 28, 2018 @ 2:00 PM.

**BILLS SIGNED**

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY18 Expense Warrant (EW18)

**MINUTES:** February 1, 2018 minutes were approved

**ADJOURN** – Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:04PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Livezey, Water & Sewer Assistant

**APPROVED: 2/28/18**

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