



Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt
Clerk/Evan Boucher

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: May 2, 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 Crory/Business Manager, Bob Rafferty/EPA, Judy Anderson & Don Black

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

Don Black – Sewer Capacity

Mr. Black came before the BOSC asking to revisit extending sewer down to North Street. Mr. Black informed the BOSC that they are currently looking to build age restricted housing as a green community with solar power etc. They would be (3) 2 bedroom single level slab homes with a two car garage. Mr. Black said the property does offer septic, but that would decrease the footprint of the homes. Mr. Black said he has spoken to Pepperell and they are open to discussion and they suggested I meet with the Groton BOSC.

Mr. Gmeiner thinks that it's an interesting idea and Mr. Black stated that growth in the town is important and this could be one of those scenarios. Mr. Gmeiner informed Mr. Black that the line out there is a dedicated line to serve the GDRHS. Mr. Black stated that he had done some research on this and found no information that it was a dedicated line. Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Black it is in fact a dedicated line and that he presented the article and spoke on behalf of it. Mr. Black inquired about the manholes on North Street and their locations seem to be in front of the houses along the way. Mr. Gmeiner said it was not designed that way as if connections would be done to houses.

Mr. Orcutt stated he is not in favor of connecting sewer on that side of town. Mr. Black said he knows capacity is an issue, but since the BOSC is in negotiations with Pepperell for the IMA and if we could overcome that capacity concern would you have a different opinion. Mr. Gmeiner informed Mr. Black that getting more capacity costs more money and right now we are at 25% of 5 Million. Mr. Gmeiner said that the current capacity we have is for the center of town and septic's in failure and he is not keen on expanding to a large development. Mr. Gmeiner stated a development in the district might be considered, but he is not comfortable going outside the district.

Review DEP Infiltration Report & Inflow Analysis and SESS Plan

Mr. Rafferty stated he reviewed the DEP Infiltration Report & Inflow Analysis and SESS Plan. He said there are some areas he does not agree with such as updates on repairs. The manholes have been fixed and he said they did look at the laterals and they did not see any dirt. Mr. Rafferty informed the BOSCO that he would put together a response letter. Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Rafferty if they have ever used spray on liners for the manholes. Mr. Rafferty replied that it works well on brick or epoxy, he stated that the leaks on the manholes in Groton are at the top and it's possible we could use polyurethane. Mr. Rafferty said he would look into the cost and he also mentioned he has a list for Pepperell to inspect.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Rafferty stated at this time Pepperell is basically offering the simple formula as Mr. Brinkman stated at the beginning of the negotiations for the IMA. Mr. Rafferty said it's worth exploring the proposal, but things to be concerned about is the cost of a major piece of equipment and what you would be responsible to pay. Mr. Rafferty also was concerned with the I&I and what they would repair. Also if they want to take care of the system now, would that require more staff? Mr. Orcutt mentioned that we still have not received their staffing plan and Mr. Rafferty said they are supposed to be filing a staffing plan each year and should have a plan on file

Mr. Gmeiner asked who would do the work on the laterals suggested by the state and would that be included or not. Mr. Gmeiner feels we need a list broken down of what is and what is not included. Mr. Rafferty also suggested implementing a 3-5 year review and that most IMA's do have a 5 year check in, so that should be added. Mr. Orcutt stated that we have been negotiating this contract for 15 months now to try to come to an agreement. Mr. Rafferty suggests we start with the list they gave us for the O&M and we can add to it. Mr. Orcutt said he would send an email to Joe Jordan for the sewer department staffing plan and feels they should have one on file because one is submitted to the DEP each year. Mr. Rafferty said we have to respond to the I&I letter sent from DEP, so we need the information on that to.

Town Meeting Articles - Four Corners

No new information

Budget - Fiscal Year 2019

No discussion at this time

Other Business, Bills, Minutes etc.:

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on May 16th, 2018.

BILLS SIGNED

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for Expense Warrant 23.

MINUTES:

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to accept the minutes of April 11th, 2018, Mr. Orcutt seconded.

ADJOURN – Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn at 3:00pm and Mr. Orcutt seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:
