



Chair/James Gmeiner  
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt  
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**

173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** May 24, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Location:** Town Hall/First Floor

**Members Present:** Chair/James Gmeiner  
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt  
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

**Others Present:** Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Thomas Nephew, George Clark, Paul Brinkman, Lewis Lunn, Joseph Jordan, Ken Kalinowski and Sue Gurney

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The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 6:30 P.M.

**Pepperell IMA**

Mr. Nephew gave a brief update of the last meeting and asked Groton if they have any questions and concerns. Mr. Gmeiner introduced our new BOSC board member Michael Bouchard and stated that the BOSC is working on the concept of flow over flow, but they need a firm grip on how it would work and what specific costs Groton would be looking at. Mr. Brinkman stated that Pepperell would provide a written answer and clarity in writing. He also mentioned no debt would be included unless relative to the shared pipe. Mr. Jordan said costs would be related to routine maintenance and Mr. Brinkman added that if it was related to a problematic pipe on Groton's end we would reach out and discuss.

Mr. Jordan stated that Pepperell is currently paying 75% to care for the system and Groton pays 25% and Mr. Brinkman added you also have to add in the labor time, fuel cost etc. that goes into treating your system. Mr. Rafferty replied that you have to consider Groton only has (2) pump stations and Mr. Brinkman said that if you add GDRHS its (3). Mr. Orcutt answered that he is not comfortable with flow over flow and 25% of O&M costs and feels we are back to the same formula as we were in August. Mr. Orcutt also asked why Groton should be paying for Pepperell's meters and heating costs, consulting costs etc. Mr. Brinkman replied that he feels we are at a less number than we were in August and with changing overall and no direct cost maintenance you would be getting additional services. Mr. Bouchard asked if Pepperell was to incur an unrelated expense to Groton would Groton be responsible for a portion. Mr. Brinkman replied that if it was a capital cost unrelated to Groton's pipe, the answer is No. Mr. Nephew stated that Pepperell just wants a

simple flow over flow approach and if usage goes up then you pay more and when usage goes down you pay less and in the event of any catastrophic event we would discuss. Mr. Rafferty feels the concept is good, but we would need a breakdown of costs at this point. Mr. Gmeiner asked what kind of I&I work would be done under routine maintenance and Mr. Brinkman replied that they would have to define the work. Mr. Nephew said that they will get these details and some we may agree on and others we may not. Mr. Nephew said that the current agreement we have nobody seems to know how the bills are being generated and with this new agreement it would be simple and we would all understand. Mr. Brinkman also added that Groton would be getting more services under this new agreement. Mr. Gmeiner suggested that the BOSC review the proposal and touch base with Pepperell again in the middle of June.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**ADJOURN** – Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant

**APPROVED:**

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