



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: July 11, 2018

Time: 2:00 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, Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Dave Moulton, Robert Collins/Attorney, Dave Polsey/Hall Pump Sales & Service and Judy Anderson

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

Mark Haddad - Memo of Understanding

The BOSC started the meeting with a conference call with Mr. Haddad and he informed the BOSC that the Select Board has asked him to negotiate a memo of understanding that when the BOSC takes over Four Corners Sewer District that the District repays the town \$192K of Engineering Costs. Mr. Gmeiner asked when the discussion took place of repayment of the project, he stated he watched all the meetings and has never heard the finance team discuss this. Mr. Haddad stated that the Select Board members feel that the project was to help the district and the tax payers should not be responsible and that it should be the rate payer's responsibility. Mr. Haddad acknowledged that two resident/business owners already have contributed a significant amount to start up the project and without them they may have not qualified for the grant. Mr. Bouchard feels that the tax payers should not be put in the sewer bill, but the rate payers have already paid their fair share. Mr. Orcutt said the issue of the Select Board trying to recoup the costs is that it was never discussed at Finn Com or at Town Meeting and the money was put up for Economic Development. Mr. Orcutt also feels that this would change the fee structure that he and Mr. Gmeiner are trying to correct so we can repay Ayer and if you add another \$192K to that the rate payers would be hit hard. Mr. Gmeiner also said on top of what we have to pay Ayer, that would be very expensive and starting an Enterprise Fund in a hole rather than a surplus would be bad. Mr. Haddad suggested that the BOSC inform the Select Board in writing of their decision regarding this request.

Dave Moulton - Four Corners Sewer

Mr. Moulton was present with his Attorney, Mr. Collins and Mr. Polsey. Mr. Collins inquired about connecting the 2nd phase of starter homes (Oriole Drive). He told the BOSC on the approval of Hummingbird Lane, Mr. Ira Grossman of the BOH asked why Mr. Moulton did not connect Oriole, which Mr. Collins feels would make more sense. Mr. Collins said the 2nd Phase includes 24-28 bedrooms and asked about the connection fees and stated that \$60K has been paid already for the initial phase

(Hummingbird Lane). Mr. Gmeiner informed Mr. Collins that the BOSC is in the process of determining the fee's according to Ayer and he would have to do the math. Mr. Collins stated that Mr. Moulton has the plans for Hummingbird Lane and it shows (1) common sewer station. Mr. Polsey suggested 3 phase pumps and informed the BOSC that the engineer has approved the Flygt pumps he suggested. Mr. Orcutt asked if a site plan was available and Mr. Polsey said Mr. Moulton does have one and the only thing he suggests is maybe add clean outs at every house. Mr. Orcutt said he would inform Mr. Rafferty/EPA and have him draft a letter. Mr. Gmeiner asked if an Association letter would be required. Mr. Collins told the BOSC that this was going to be considered a Condominium Association and he would draft the necessary documents to include that it would be the obligation of the Association to deal with the pipes and the clean outs until it hits Robin Hill Road, due to it being private. Mr. Collins requested that the BOSC work on the costs associated for the hook up and Mr. Gmeiner said they will run the numbers and did inform Mr. Collins that this would have to be included in the Fall Town Meeting for approval to expand the District. Mr. Orcutt replied he does not have a problem with including this project in the Town Meeting.

To avoid potential delays in construction waiting for final sewer connection approvals, Mr. Moulton suggested that construction would proceed laying waste pipe from each house to a common connection point. This infrastructure could be used for sewer connections, or connection to a septic system if the later was decided.

21 Lovers Lane – Sewer Connection

There is no new information at this time

Pepperell IMA

There is no new information at this time

Budget – Fiscal Year 2019

Ms. Crory informed the BOSC that she was informed by Mrs. Dufresne/Town Accountant to move \$473.13 from General Expenses to Interest.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to move \$473.13 from general expenses to interest, Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously

Other Business, Bills, Minutes etc.:

Next Meeting – July 25, 2018

BILLS SIGNED

Invoices for Expense Warrant 2 were signed

MINUTES:

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to accept the minutes of June 13th, 2018 Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN –

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn at 3:10pm, Mr. Orcutt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:
