



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: February 6, 2019

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Town Hall/First Floor

Members Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

Not Present: Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Others Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant and Lauren Croy/Business Manager

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

436 Main Street – Sewer Connection

Nothing new at this time.

Dave Moulton - Four Corners Sewer Update

Mr. Gmeiner has asked Mr. Rafferty to reach out to Mr. Moulton regarding the status of the Engineered stamped drawings for the new pump station.

Four Corners Sewer Takeover

The BOSC is waiting on the Select Board Vote to take over the Four Corners Sewer District.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner was notified that K&P Law was now representing Pepperell and Mr. Doneski thinks this would be a conflict moving forward to represent Groton. Mr. Bouchard asked if K&P Law was representing the Town of Pepperell or just the Pepperell Sewer Department and Mr. Gmeiner replied he thinks the town.

Mr. Gmeiner informed the BOSC that Mr. Rafferty would be coming in next week to discuss the I&I work that needs to be done in the spring. Mr. Gmeiner expects this cost to be around \$75K and work will be performed in the spring. Mr. Bouchard asked if the BOSC would incur any other costs and Mr. Gmeiner said the police details would need to be included so that will probably put the cost around \$80K

FY20 Budget

Ms. Crory informed the BOSC that there is an extra \$22K that we budgeted for Pepperell that was not used and that the Intergovernmental is down \$3K. Mrs. Crory said there are some concerning expenses such as Engineering, I&I work, 436 Main Street and some Pepperell Costs. Mr. Gmeiner told Ms. Crory to discuss the Engineering Fee's with Mr. Rafferty next week. Mr. Gmeiner feels that a transfer of \$130K will be needed for the Town Meeting Transfer.

Groton Country Club

Mr. Gmeiner said at the last Select Board Meeting a vote was taken to form a committee for the Groton Country Club project. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Bouchard to retrieve the minutes regarding this meeting so we can find out what is going on.

Rate Hearing Discussion

The BOSC will be holding a rate hearing discussion on February 20th, 2019 to discuss amending the wastewater rates and fees for the Center Sewer District and the Four Corners Sewer District.

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that we are starting to see the effects of the rate change we did in 2017. She feels once we have a full year of usage, she will have a better idea. Mr. Bouchard said the current rate is at \$8.44 and asked what was the rate before the change and Ms. Crory replied \$7.67. Mr. Bouchard asked Ms. Crory what this did to the average bill and She responded that she will bring that information for the next meeting.

Mr. Gmeiner said that he spoke to Mr. Orcutt at our last meeting and he suggested maybe incorporating a monthly flat fee for the upcoming Pepperell Upgrade. Mr. Gmeiner also said the other thing we can look at is Four Corners and the way Ayer charges in terms of three bed equivalent based on Title V divided by 330 gallons minimum (hook up times the dollar figure). Mr. Gmeiner feels this might be beneficial in the Center Sewer District because while we will not get too many new customers, it could generate more revenue for changes in use.

Other Business:

Next Meeting – February 13th, 2019

BILLS SIGNED

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-19, Expense Warrant (EW-17)

MINUTES:

No minutes were approved at this meeting

ADJOURN –

Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 3:37pm, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:
