



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

DATE: May 13th, 2019

Time: 11:00 A.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 Croy/Business Manager, Christopher Sullivan and Judy Anderson

The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 11:00 A.M.

22 Station Avenue - Abatement

Mr. Sullivan owns 22 Station Avenue and has recently moved out and is renting the property. Mr. Sullivan received a bill for 56 units for the quarter and normal usage is around 7 units. Mr. Sullivan went over to check the unit and upon arrival he heard the toilet running. Mr. Sullivan said when the water technicians showed up to replace the meter with a new Badger meter, they could hear the water kicking on. After investigating the situation, it turned out that the silicone water flap had been defective and had been causing the toilet to run every minute. Mr. Bouchard said due to it being the toilet that means that the water went through the system and was treated. Mr. Orcutt replied that since it did go thru the sewer system and was treated, we cannot abate the whole amount, but we can adjust the bill and bill those units at the lowest tier.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate the sewer bill at 22 Station Avenue 56 Units at Tier One for an amount of \$472.64, Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Craven - Sewer Connection

The owner called and cancelled and will call to reschedule

436 Main Street

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that he would like to come to an agreement for 436 Main Street and get the work done. Mr. Orcutt said he would reach out to Mr. Rafferty and see what they can negotiate to move forward. Mr. Bouchard asked if they would take care of contaminated water and Mr. Orcutt replied that

it would be directional drilling and will be done in one small pit, so whatever goes in that mix they will be responsible to take out and treat. Mr. Orcutt said he will work with Mr. Rafferty and arrange a meeting to work out the details.

Indian Hill Sewer Line Discussion

Mr. Orcutt said a gentleman came in to see what needed to be done and he sent him to see Parks Commission and Con. Com. He did say they would be directional drilling from Peabody to Old Ayer Road and they would use the old 6" water line. Mr. Bouchard asked if this would require any new man holes and Mr. Gmeiner replied No, they are hoping to put in a larger storage tank, so they could pump in the middle of the night.

Rate Hearing/Usage Fee Regulations & Wastewater System Costs Continued

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC we should look at using the EDU method moving forward. He said taking into consideration a change of use to a property (charge EDU) and not charge a connection fee and a capacity fee, it would now be built into one. Mr. Gmeiner said he also would like to address someone coming in for a change of use and they are a high user we want to make the Regulations universal so if there is a district expansion, we have the same regulations. Mr. Gmeiner stated the Residential section of the Regulations has been revised, but is there is a big discrepancy with the Commercial users and it needs to be reviewed. Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC he likes the \$6,000.00 (EDU) scenarios with the exception of adding a bedroom. Mr. Gmeiner suggested we could have a one EDU minimum and if adding a bedroom, we could do 1/3 of the 330/GPD ($\$2,000 \times .33 = \660.00). Mr. Gmeiner then suggested to the BOSC that a new connection should be a minimum of one EDU and for a change of use, we can use the fractional basis.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to continue the Rate Hearing/Usage Fee Regulations and Wastewater Systems Cost on May 29th at 2:00 PM Mr. Bouchard Seconded and the Motion Passed Unanimously

Pepperell IMA

Nothing new on the IMA at this time

Mandatory Sewer Connection Bylaw – Process Review

Mr. Orcutt said our rules are different than Ayers connections. He told the BOSC that #1 & #3 Forge Village hit the minimum based on the usage today. The house is one dwelling and the liquor store is another dwelling and we need to determine if Ayer will charge us two EDU's. The old Dunkin Donuts spot is used for catering now so there is no history, so we could charge a minimum and do a look back. Mr. Bouchard asked if Cravens Package Store and the house would be considered one hook up and Mr. Orcutt replied No that would be two. Mr. Gmeiner said Ayers connection fee is based on Title V flow divided by 330. He also mentioned we have to pay $122.7 \text{ EDU} \times \$4,800.00 = \$588,960.00$ for the privilege to be connected to Ayers system. Mr. Gmeiner stated that after looking at Ayer, he does not want to be short. Mr. Orcutt suggested one connection fee of \$8,000.00 per meter. Mr. Gmeiner agreed and said the connection fee would be per meter and the wording for the Four Corners regulations would have to be revised to reflect this. Mr. Orcutt asked if we would need to hold a hearing and Mr. Gmeiner replied yes and they agreed to do this in June.

GDRHS Pumps

Mr. Gmeiner asked if there was any progress on this and Mr. Orcutt replied there is nothing new from Mr. Rafferty at this time.

Other Business:

Next Meeting – May 29th, 2019

BILLS SIGNED

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY19, Expense Warrant (EW-24)

MINUTES:

No Minutes were approved at this meeting

ADJOURN –

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 12:30 P.M., Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:
