



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: June 19th, 2019

Time: 1:00 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, Judy Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Roux, Annie/Angels Nails

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

Cravens – Sewer Connection

Mr. Roux came before the BOSC regarding connecting to the Four Corner Sewer District. Mr. Roux mentioned he thought that the property was exempt from having to connect when this whole project first came about. Mr. Orcutt replied that the 2nd time around that the project was submitted to the State it included all Commercial Properties and also added the over 55 units to be eligible for the Economic Development Grant.

Mr. Gmeiner said looking at your two buildings the Liquor Store/House the connection fee would be \$8,000.00 per property. Mr. Gmeiner also explained that as people tie in a connection fee is due to Ayer. He also informed Mr. Roux that in the Agreement with Ayer a set amount of money goes to them on a monthly basis even though we are not utilizing the system.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Roux that a grinder pump would be need to be installed and the old septic system would need to be abandoned. Mr. Roux asked if that just meant to be emptied out and Mr. Gmeiner replied that it should be emptied out, crushed and filled in with sand. Mr. Gmeiner asked the BOSC who will be performing the inspection and Mr. Orcutt replied that Mr. Rafferty/EP will do the inspection and can be done once connected. Mr. Orcutt told Mr. Roux that once you hire a contractor, they will coordinate a Dig Safe and Mr. Roux asked if they would do the grinder pump and Mr. Orcutt replied yes

and you would need two sewer stubs, one for each building. Ms. Roux asked if it had to be two and Mr. Gmeiner replied yes that it has to be one for each connection. Ms. Roux asked the cost of the grinder pump and Mr. Gmeiner said a rough cost would be about \$5k each. Mr. Roux said he would reach out to a local contractor and get an estimate.

Angels Nails Abatement

Annie told the BOSC that she recently received a sewer bill and it was for 21 units and her normal usage is between 5-10 units per qtr. She explained that this was caused by a toilet leak and the landlord has replaced the toilet and was wondering if the BOSC would abate any portion of this bill. Mr. Gmeiner explained that unfortunately the water did go thru the system and was treated. Mr. Gmeiner said in these situations the BOSC would be willing to bill these units at the lowest tier. He explained the tiered billing system for the sewer as follows 0-15 units \$8.44, 16-30 units \$16.86 and 31-45 units \$18.55. Therefore the (21) units billed at \$206.12 would be reduced to \$177.24 for an abatement amount of \$28.88.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate sewer in the amount of \$28.88 and Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Usage Fee Regulations and Wastewater System Costs

Mr. Gmeiner said he has reviewed the regulations and feels at this time under Article III PPA, Article IV Tax Assessment can be removed because we no longer do anymore and currently, we have no bonds out there, debt service or leaning of any properties. Also, Article VI Recording and Article VII Abatement can all be removed. He did say that under definitions he suggested we keep Sewer Unit because each property connected to sewer has a record so we can figure out the water usage at the time the PPA was paid. Mr. Orcutt asked why do we want to keep if this is no longer applicable. Mr. Gmeiner replied that if someone changes their use and Mr. Orcutt said to use sewer units or go with Title V, Mr. Gmeiner agreed and said he wants to keep Title V around and Mr. Orcutt asked if that meant no more look backs and Mr. Gmeiner replied yes. Mr. Bouchard then asked that if Donelan's transforms to 4-Units they will be assessed Title V and pay a connection fee? Mr. Gmeiner replied yes that is how the new regulations will read.

Mr. Gmeiner suggested the BOSC meet again on June 24th, 2019 to continue the discussion.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adopt the Regulations for Payment of Wastewater System Cost as Amended and Corrected effective June 24th, 2019, Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to Continue the Usage Fee Regulations and Wastewater Systems Costs to Monday June 24th, 2019 at 2:00 PM Mr. Orcutt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to change the Connection Fee to \$6,000.00 Effective June 24th, 2019 and Mr. Bouchard Seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that the owners of the Honeywell property agreed that they would like to connect to the sewer and they are willing to share in the construction costs. Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that he will have Mr. Rafferty/EP put in writing and then approach Mass Highway and Con Com.

Pepperell MA

No new information at this time

GDRHS - Pumps

No new information at this time

Other Business:

Next Meeting – June 24th, 2019

BILLS SIGNED

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY19, Expense Warrant (EW-27)

MINUTES: No minutes were approved at this time

ADJOURN –

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:35P.M., Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:
