



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**  
173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** September 4th, 2019

**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 Croy/Business Manager and Robert Rafferty

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

**436 Main Street**

Mr. Rafferty told the BOSC that the Mass DOT Permit is in for 436 Main Street and it should not be long now. Mr. Rafferty said they will be getting three quotes for the work. Mr. Bouchard asked who should be contacted at Honeywell and Mr. Rafferty said he would call Honeywell and give them an update.

**186 Main Street – Sewer Connection**

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Orcutt if he had any other information about the work being done at 186 Main Street and when they came before the BOSC, they also inquired about the water lines for the main house. He also asked what is going on in the main house part and if that might require an additional connection fee. Mr. Orcutt said he believes it's going from residential to commercial. Mr. Gmeiner asked how much sq. ft. would be office space and if it is a bunch of office space it would be sq. ft. times Title V.

**Pepperell MA**

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Rafferty if he has drafted the IMA to Pepperell. Mr. Rafferty replied that he thought Mr. Orcutt would work on that with him. Mr. Rafferty asked Mr. Gmeiner if he would like him to be more assertive with them and Mr. Gmeiner asked that he take a stab at the draft that was going around. Mr. Gmeiner feels it may be better to present our own draft and asked that Mr. Rafferty put a general agreement together based on flow over flow.

## **GDRHS – Pumps**

Mr. Gmeiner asked if the project is complete and Mr. Rafferty replied yes. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Rafferty to explain to the BOSC what happened with the project and the reason for the added cost for bypass. Mr. Rafferty said there was \$50K budgeted for the cost of the project. The original quote was for pumps to go into the existing manhole and they did not fit and that then required a hatch to be installed. The other issue was the contractor had stuff for a 3" force main and it was a 4" force main, which then required us to get a reducer to fit in the force main and that needed to be cut in and they plugged the bypass main in there. Mr. Rafferty stated that Pepperell pulled the vac truck on day one which was supposed to be our bypass, so that required us to connect and get a bypass. Mr. Bouchard then asked if that was the additional \$10K bill and Mr. Rafferty replied "Yes". Mr. Rafferty told the BOSC the bypass was required, due to school being back in session. Mr. Bouchard asked Mr. Rafferty if Pepperell allowed us usage of the Vac Truck, the bypass would not have been done and Mr. Rafferty replied "Yes". Mr. Bouchard asked Mr. Rafferty for an explanation on why this project was started a few days before school when the planning started back in June. Mr. Rafferty explained the delay was due to the installation of the hatch, ordering of new pumps and we needed to cancel the original bid and rebid and that resulted in only one bidder. Mr. Bouchard replied that he was disappointed to see that will cost the taxpayers all that extra money and was wondering if anything could have been done. Mr. Rafferty said he sees Mr. Bouchard's point, but when you do the bypass you would still have that cost and a decision had to be made with all the delays.

## **Town Meeting Articles**

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that the place holder was submitted for the Town Meeting Articles.

## **Other Business:**

Mr. Rafferty told the BOSC that he will be sending a memo on the I&I work. He informed the BOSC that the same (4) laterals are leaking and (3) additional ones are now leaking. Mr. Rafferty did specify that one lateral was leaking excessively and the others are leaking about a gallon or so a day. Mr. Bouchard asked if they are fixable and Mr. Rafferty replied yes and he said the cost would be approximately \$2,400.00/per lateral. He also suggested the manholes be fixed and we could hire a mason to pack it with hydraulic cement. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Rafferty about the last time that Mill Run/Groton Residential was done and the findings, Mr. Rafferty replied that they did find soil/debris in the pipes. Mr. Gmeiner said that could have been left over from the original construction and Mr. Rafferty suggested we have Pepperell clean that out with the Vac Truck.

Mr. Rafferty also added that there is money left in the budget to do I&I work behind the Library. He told the BOSC that he located some of the manholes, but not all of them before it comes up to Main. Mr. Gmeiner said they are mostly out on the athletic field. Mr. Orcutt suggested we revisit this in the spring and feels its to dry to do it now. Mr. Rafferty recommended that the one manhole needs to be done now and Mr. Gmeiner asked if the BOSC was all in agreement and they agreed. Mr. Rafferty said he would get quotes on the manhole and provide them for the BOSC.

**Next Meeting** – September 18th, 2019

**BILLS SIGNED**

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY20, Expense Warrant (EW-6)

**MINUTES:** Minutes of July 3, 2019 and July 16<sup>th</sup> approved as amended

**ADJOURN** –

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:10 P.M., Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant

**APPROVED:**

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