



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: October 16th, 2019

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Town Hall/First Floor

Members Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Clerk/Michael Bouchard
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Others Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Croy/Business Manager, Judy Anderson, Bob Collins and Dave Moulton

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

Oriole & Hummingbird /Bob Collins

Mr. Collins informed the BOSC that the sewer is in and Mr. Rafferty reviewed the plans by Stan Dillis and they were done to his satisfaction. Mr. Collins said there are (24) Units on Hummingbird and (2) Robin Hill Road and (9-10) Oriole, so he told the BOSC that he has created a separate Homeowners Association. Mr. Collins had Mr. Dillis do an easement plan and had Mr. Moulton sign it. He also said the Association would be responsible for operating reserves and will also take care of the pumps. Mr. Orcutt asked who owns the gravity pipe and Mr. Collins said it could be turned over to the town or maintained by the Association. Mr. Orcutt replied that the BOSC does not have the staff to maintain it and Mr. Collins replied that the Association will do it. Mr. Collins stated it would be set up that the Association will collect the money and the BOSC will have rights to this money for the common system (right of entry) and the Association will set aside monies for the replacement.

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Collins if this would be an Annual Contract and Mr. Collins replied yes and Mr. Moulton added that Annual Services will be done too. Mr. Gmeiner said he would like to see the Annual maintenance in place. Mr. Moulton said he has used these types services in the past and they will come once a year to change the oil, replace filters etc. then twice a year the exhaust, belts etc. will be done. Mr. Gmeiner asked about the pump station maintenance and Mr. Collins replied that the Association will be responsible for the pumps. Mr. Gmeiner said he is aware of the generator in place, but asked if more routine maintenance would be required. Mr. Collins said the pumps are equipped with alarms and they have a management company to deal with it. Mr. Gmeiner asked if there will be Agreements for the BOSC to look at and Mr. Collins said "yes" and he would get the BOSC copies after it has been recorded. It was agreed that the Town is responsible for the sewer line in Robin Hill Road up to sewer manhole #19, and that the Developer/Owners shall be responsible for all of the sewer lines on Hummingbird Way up to sewer manhole #19 on Robin Hill Road.

436 Main Street

Mr. Gmeiner informed the BOSC that he has sent out an email to the Conductor Lab Committee asking for assistance to access the fenced area. Mr. Gmeiner stated that the road opening permit is only good for a certain time and in the spring, there is high ground water. Mr. Bouchard asked if the timing is short then and Mr. Gmeiner replied "yes". Mr. Orcutt added we need to set up access to the property within the fence area. Mr. Gmeiner asked when it would be too late to dig in the road and Mr. Orcutt replied no later than November 15th or maybe until the first week in December.

186 Main Street – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner asked the BOSC if they have heard how they would be hooking in to the sewer pipe and Mr. Orcutt replied "No" not yet. Mr. Bouchard asked if it would be documented where it is connected and Mr. Gmeiner replied "yes". Mr. Orcutt asked Ms. Livezey to reach out to Platt Builders and find out what the sewer connection plan is.

44 Farmers Row

Mr. Orcutt said he has not heard back about the sewer connection and added that he is not sure we should consider putting this property in the sewer district. Mr. Bouchard asked what the concern is and Mr. Orcutt replied that when the sewer was installed, we purposely put it behind the fire station to avoid hook ups in the future. Mr. Gmeiner did say that this is not like other expansions and it is not due to Title V failure, his other concern is that these are larger properties. Mr. Orcutt also added that bedroom count could be an issue, due to the parcels being so big.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner asked if there has been update from Mr. Rafferty and Mr. Orcutt replied "no".

GDRHS – Pumps

Mr. Gmeiner asked Ms. Livezey to send him all the Engineering bills for this project to review.

Other Business:

Next Meeting – November 6th, 2019

BILLS SIGNED

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY20, Expense Warrant (EW-9)

MINUTES:

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