



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

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

**Date:** January 22, 2020

**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 and Judy Anderson, Bud Roberston

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

**FY2021 Operating Budget**

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Robertson what was happening with the operating budget and if the town decided they are not paying their portion of the Pepperell Debt of \$25K in the current budget. Mr. Robertson replied "yes" as of now they have decided not to pay it. Mr. Robertson told the BOSC in the current budget the whole \$50K is being paid by the rate payers. Mr. Robertson said the taxpayers are now paying \$6.00 of it and the rate payers would be paying \$40.00 plus the \$6.00. This switched to help out the budget and it would give the town more free cash. Mr. Gmeiner stated that when this deal was made, we had Pepperell break this out and they upgraded their plant and increased capacity. The original deal was a 50/50 split with the town and was based on that we had the ability to make a commitment to purchase additional capacity \$87K/year. Without this the town center would not have been able to have all these new business and restaurants and he feels the town should honor their commitment.

**Mr. Orcutt made a motion to affirm their original agreement with the Town of Groton dated November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Filho's Grease Trap**

Nothing new at this time

### **Groton Community School Capacity**

Mr. Orcutt said he is waiting on the capacity number from Mr. Amaral. Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that Mr. Amaral has had a snafu with the BOH and the Building Commissioner because there is a kitchen with a stove and microwave, but the kitchen is not for student use or events and will not be a serving facility. The Plumbing inspector told him he needs to install a grease trap and Mr. Amaral said he spoke with Mr. Grossman and he said that it was up to the sewer commission. Mr. Bouchard suggested we get something in writing explaining what the use will be for. Mr. Gmeiner stated that this is a building code and should be a plumbing issue. Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that he would reach out and have Mr. Amaral attend the next meeting to discuss.

### **44 Farmers Row – Sewer Connection**

Nothing new at this time

### **436 Main Street**

Mr. Gmeiner said he has not been able to look at the agreement and Mr. Orcutt said we did get something back from the company granting the easement, but they are still insisting on OSHA certified contractors. Mr. Gmeiner suggested we look at the agreement and get it out to town counsel.

### **Pepperell IMA**

Nothing new at this time.

### **Chapter 396 Review and Organization**

Will continue review at the next meeting

### **Web Design**

Nothing new at this time

### **Other Business:**

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that we have received some letters regarding Four Corners connections. He told the BOSC that Shaw's got a waiver to connect until September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and Mr. Lacombe wants to pay for the Shaw's connection and Ixtapa. Currently the BOH has not acted on the Catalano extension that was requested for 6 Months.

**Next Meeting** – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **BILLS SIGNED**

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY20, Expense Warrant (EW-16)

**MINUTES:** No minutes were approved

**ADJOURN** –

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:40PM, Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant