



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: January 8, 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

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

FY2021 Operating Budget

Mr. Orcutt said Mr. Robertson was unable to attend and he will be attending the next BOSC meeting on January 22, 2020. Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC that he had a conversation with Mr. Robertson and he feels that the town should pay its share of the 2002 plant upgrade this year and he has a financial rationale. Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that we went into this with the Town saying they would pay this \$26K every year and therefore we purchased additional capacity which clearly has benefitted the downtown area over the years. Mr. Gmeiner recalls for a few years early on we waived the fee due to the town's financial status. Mr. Gmeiner said the point is that this is like having a note and then they just decide not to pay. Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC that the issue is the town's budget comes out of free cash, which is a next year issue. Mr. Orcutt added he feels this is an obligation that needs to be paid.

Filho's Grease Trap

Mr. Gmeiner asked if we spoke to Mr. Grossman regarding the grease trap for Filho's and Mr. Bouchard replied that Mr. Grossman's take was a 1,000-gallon grease trap was required according to Title V and it would need to be outside. Mr. Bouchard asked the BOSC how we convince Ozzie that he needs this size trap. Mr. Gmeiner asked that when Ozzie attends the meeting, we need to show him the pictures Pepperell provided us of the most recent clean out. Mr. Bouchard asked if this was a one-time clean out or have we done it before. Mr. Gmeiner replied that Pepperell has always done the front half every year and this time they went all the way down Pleasant Street to the Rail Trail. Mr. Orcutt suggested we have the line cleaned out more often in the future. Mr. Bouchard asked that if Ozzie agrees to put in the 1,000-gallon grease trap would he no longer be responsible for these bills? Mr. Gmeiner replied that the grease

trap needs to be sized better and will need to be outside and we need to explain to him that we have received a large bill for this work and he needs to work with us.

Groton Community School Capacity

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC he has no new information at this time. Mr. Gmeiner asked that we find out what the maximum capacity is for that school.

44 Farmers Row – Sewer Connection

No new information at this time.

436 Main Street

Mr. Orcutt said he has the permit and a scheduled conference call with Honeywell is planned. Mr. Gmeiner asked if we have anyone available that is OSHA certified to do the work. Mr. Orcutt said the owners are working on that.

Pepperell IMA

No new information at this time.

Chapter 396 Review and Organization

The BOSC started reviewing Chapter 396 for the Groton Center Sewer District and made a few wording edits and continued to the Appendix Section. Mr. Bouchard asked if we had the most recent Sewer Design Construction Guidelines from Pepperell and suggested that we get an electronic version to link to the Regulations.

Web Design

Mr. Bouchard said he would continue working on this after the regulations are done.

Other Business:

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that we needed to transfer \$500.00 from Four Corners Expenses to Salaries and Wages

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to transfer \$500.00 from Four Corners Expenses to Four Corners wages. Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that we received a letter from Shaw's and The Catalano Companies asking for an extension to hook up to the Four Corners Sewer. He told the BOSC that Ixtapa is the only business we have not had a response from.

Mr. Rafferty submitted a copy of the I&I plan that was submitted to MassDEP.

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that she received an abatement form from 20 Pleasant Street. She told the BOSC that the homeowner was irrigating on his domestic meter and therefore was charged sewer. He has since had an irrigation meter installed. Mr. Bouchard asked if he was looking for the whole amount of \$509.35 and Ms. Crory replied "yes". Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Orcutt what is going on and Mr. Orcutt replied that he has a two family, but nobody lives in the 2nd unit. Mr. Orcutt said he now has (2) domestic meters and (1) irrigation meter now. Mr. Gmeiner asked what was he using all that water for and thought he may have installed irrigation. Mr. Gmeiner asked if we are convinced the water did not go down the sewer and it is in fact irrigation and the BOSC was in agreement to approve the abatement.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate \$509.35 for 20 Pleasant Street Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – January 22nd, 2020

BILLS SIGNED

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY20, Expense Warrant (EW-15)

MINUTES: November 19th, 2019 and November 21st, 2019

ADJOURN –

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 PM, Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant