



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

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

**Date:** August 19th, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 P.M.

**Location:** Virtual Meeting Using Zoom

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

**Others Virtually Present:** Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Crory/Business Manager,  
Luke Kenney, Katie Kenney and Judy Anderson

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

**Blackbird Café – Capacity**

Mr. Kenney told the BOSC that they are in the process of buying the unit 493 Main Street next door from their current location that they lease now at 491 Mains Street. He also said they are coming upon their 10-year Anniversary of being in Groton. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Kenney if the plan was to add more seats and he replied "yes". Mr. Kenney said in 2010 they started out with 15 seats, then they increased to 25 mores seats including outside/seasonal seating. Now they would like to increase to a total of 50 seats. Mr. Kenney did say that all his locations will remain closed to the general public until a vaccine for COVID becomes available. Mr. Bouchard told Mr. Kenney that sewer capacity might be different at that level of seating and asked if there are any other changes being made. Mr. Kenney replied that they are installing a hood and currently they do not have one. He told the BOSC that they are basically picking up out of 491 Main and moving to 493 Main. Mr. Bouchard asked if there is a grease trap and Mr. Kenney replied that the unit, they are buying has one in the floor. He told the BOSC in speaking with the BOH they suggested installing a new one and it will flow right into the existing one. Mr. Kenney also stated that they do not fry or use a lot of grease in their business. He did say his Acton location has two and Burlington has one and they are serviced quarterly.

**Indian Hill – Sewer**

Nothing new at this time

**Shaw's – Sewer Connection**

Mr. Gmeiner said when Mr. Rafferty did the calculation, he had 68,200 sq. ft and the application has 64,226. Mr. Gmeiner said the Assessors have a total living 65,242 and a loading platform 260 sq. ft and an

open porch 340 sq. ft. Mr. Bouchard said when calculating sewer, we would not include open porch space. Mr. Gmeiner replied its usually considered retail space if they sell stuff out there. He said a lot of places use the open porch areas to sell plants and shovels in the winter. Mr. Gmeiner said it is a 4k sq. ft difference what Mr. Rafferty has compared to what Shaw's has. The Assessors is closer to what Mr. Rafferty has, Mr. Rafferty has 68k sq. ft and Assessors have 69k sq. ft. Mr. Gmeiner said for the supermarket it would be (4 x 97 gpd=388) which fits under one ERU under The Four Corners and Ayer does 330. Mr. Bouchard said he feels it is reasonable to use the Assessors numbers. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Bouchard if we should exclude the open porch area and he was in agreement to use 65,242 plus 260 sq. ft = 65,502 sq. ft. Mr. Gmeiner asked for an invoice to be prepared and sent off.

### **227 Boston Road – Sewer Connection**

Nothing new at this time

### **Reserve Funds for both Districts**

Nothing new at this time

### **Moulton Sewer Extension – Oriole Drive**

Nothing new at this time

### **436 Main Street**

Mr. Gmeiner asked if Mr. Orcutt had put this project out as an estimate and was asking if three quotes were required.

### **Town Meeting Articles**

The BOSC confirmed Mr. Orcutt put in the place holders

**Next Meeting** – August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**BILLS SIGNED** - No bills were signed at this meeting

**MINUTES**: - No minutes were approved at this meeting

**ADJOURN** – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 3:42PM, Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call: Gmeiner – Aye and Bouchard - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant