



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: February 17th, 2021

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 and Judy Anderson

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

108 Pleasant Street

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC he has not heard anything new regarding the sewer connection. Mr. Bouchard asked if we normally take a position on requests like this and Mr. Gmeiner suggested we have a public hearing and get input from others on this. Mr. Bouchard says he recalls our position was about granting capacity or not. Mr. Gmeiner said we are required to have a hearing and get input from other boards.

227 Boston Road

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC while attending the Select Board meeting there was talk of an article for an easement for 227 Boston Road. He told the BOSC that an easement grant goes to the individual not the town and we need to make it clear this is a private sewer line. Mr. Bouchard said he would get a copy of the easement language.

1-3 Forge Village

Mr. Orcutt said he sent a letter on February 8th and he will follow up.

Shaw's

Mr. Orcutt said they are waiting on the final test and the physical connection has not taken place yet.

436 Main Street

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that the signed contracts have been sent back.

Discuss Developing a Policy Regarding Abatements

Mr. Orcutt provided an updated sewer abatement policy. He told the BOSC he just made some wording changes and edits.

Mr. Bouchard asked if someone fills a pool, why would they be charged sewer. Mr. Orcutt replied anyone who builds a pool now is required to have a 2nd meter installed, when the building permit comes through, I send them a request to have a 2nd meter installed for the non-essential water use.

GDRHS Administrative Fees

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that the GDRHS has their own pump station and pipes, but there should be some overhead for the office. He also said that we are in agreement with Pepperell for the debt towards the plant upgrades #1 & #2. Mr. Gmeiner said looking at the debt service for overall flows and if the town does \$100K and they would be charged \$1K that would be 1% debt service for the actual flow. Mr. Bouchard said that is a good concept and that he feels that they should contribute to the overhead of the system.

FY21 & FY22 Budget

No discussion during this meeting

Prescott Capacity Charges

Mr. Orcutt had no new information at this time.

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Web Site

Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC that he is working on this with the IT Department and is hoping to have an outline soon.

Next Meeting – February March 11th, 2021

BILLS SIGNED - No bills were signed at this meeting

MINUTES: - No minutes were approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:40 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner – Aye and Orcutt - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant