



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: March 11th, 2021

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: Virtual Meeting Using Zoom

Members Virtually Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

Not Virtually Present: Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Judy Anderson, Mr. Rafferty and Mr. Irvine

The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 1:00 P.M.

Florence Roche School - Capacity

Mr. Bouchard stated that Mr. Saindon with F-R building Committee has received our request and will get back to the commission next week with data about the current student/teacher capacity for the school and portable classrooms and the proposed capacity rating to assess sewer capacity.

Prescott - Capacity Charges

The commission will invite the new General Manager to a commission meeting to discuss connection fees.

108 Pleasant Street - Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner noticed what could be a discrepancy in the proposed town meeting warrant article for the sewer extension to 108 Pleasant Street. The article references Assessors map 109 Parcel 43 and various other documents refer to Parcels 41, 42, 43 and 44. The address of 108 Pleasant Street consists of Parcels 40 thru 44 and the Elms is on Parcel 43. The BOSC will send a letter to the property owner and engineer to arrange a sewer public hearing as in the policy to discuss the extension and clarify the parcel numbers.

227 Boston Road - Lindemer Sewer Connection Update

The BOSC has not received copies of the maps, the proposed easement or any correspondence between the applicant and Mass DOT. A letter will be sent requesting this information.

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1-3 Forge Village – Sewer Connection

No new information at this time

Shaw's – Sewer Connection

Mr. Irvine, from Albertsons “construction Manager” for the Groton Shaw’s store questioned the most recent inspection bills he received. Mr. Irvine stated he was surprised to have received these and thought that everything was included in the connection fee. He also said that he and his colleagues do construction all over the country and thought these charges were unique. Mr. Bouchard stated being invoiced for inspections is standard procedure and that we are not trying to surprise anyone. Mr. Gmeiner agreed the application form is not as explicit as it could be, for instance referring to out of hours inspection fees. The discussion focused on three options: adjust the bill, do not adjust the bill or waive the bill. The BOSC decided to discuss the matter further with full membership and get back to Mr. Irvine and will also inform Mr. Irvine about the abatement process, should he feel to pursue this. The BOSC also stated that services to Shaw’s would not be interrupted while this process is in progress.

436 Main Street

No new information at this time

Discuss Developing a Policy Regarding Abatements

Will finish discussion when Mr. Orcutt is back

GDRHS Administrative Fee

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Bouchard if he was able to look at the GDRHS flow chart and he replied “no”. Mr. Gmeiner said in looking at the Pepperell Debt invoices the Administrative Fees are assessed as part of the SRF loan.

The BOSC will continue discussing at the Rate Hearing on March 24th and Mr. Gmeiner asked to have the following information: Pepperell flows, debt services, rates for sewer and sewer rates run at a 2%, 4% & 5% increase.

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Web Site

Mr. Bouchard has been working on the new website design for sewer and will continue to work with Mr. Chiasson on getting it up and running.

FY21 & FY22 Budget

No discussion at this time

Next Meeting –March 24th, 2021

BILLS SIGNED - No bills were signed at this meeting

MINUTES: - No minutes were approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 2:55 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner – Aye*

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant