

Groton Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Water Commissioners
Tuesday, August 4th, 2021
Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Minutes

Present are Chairman Jim Gmeiner, Clerk Michael Bouchard, Vice-Chairman Tom Orcutt, and Business Manager Lauren Crory.

Mr. Gmeiner called the meeting to order at 2:02pm

Filho's – Grease Report

Mr. Gmeiner said to have them at the next meeting and to prepare all bills and reports relating to the grease issue.

195 Main – Abatement

The board discussed the Sewer Abatement request at 195 Main St and tried to brainstorm reasons why the usage would have gone up so much before returning back to normal reads. They asked Mrs. Crory to look at locations next door in case a neighbor may have hooked up to their water, to check the old meter and set it aside, and to check all past readings. They suggested writing to them to let them know we are still considering the abatement request and to make sure they know the high usage occurred during 1/1/21-4/1/21.

Damaged Vent Pipe Boston Rd Extension

Mr. Gmeiner said there was an accident last week and you can see the sewer pipe is bent. The chances are it's broken and needs to be excavated and repaired. Pepperell is saying the vent isn't necessary any more but our engineer said we do need it. Geico is the motorist's insurance company. Mr. Gmeiner said that we can file a claim with our own insurance and have them chase the operator, but then the deductible may apply and it may affect our ratings. Another option would be to bypass our insurance and go to Geico directly but we will need a repair estimate to send them. Mr. Gmeiner will put together a letter to Geico. Mr. Orcutt will get an estimate to repair to put with letter.

436 Main St

Mr. Gmeiner will let Mr. Rafferty know to contact him for the site conference. It will be at some point over the next couple of weeks.

546 Main St Capacity

Mr. Gmeiner said the Temple is currently on hold.

Prescott – Capacity Charges

No updates.

Indian Hill Music – Plan Review / Construction Discussion

Mr. Orcutt talked to them and the drilling went well. They are finishing drilling but are in good shape and had no issues. They may be done in a week. Mr. Gmeiner said to resend the bill and asked when someone should look at the connection. Mr. Orcutt hopes that Environmental Partners would do this and will send an email to them. Mr. Gmeiner noted that the Connection Fee invoice for Indian Hill does not include any of the inspection fees.

108 Pleasant St – Sewer Connection

The sewer connection fee has been paid.

Main St – repaving / Discuss Manholes

No updates.

Florence Roche School Capacity

No updates.

227 Boston Rd / Lindemer – Sewer Connection Update

Mr. Gmeiner said that we need a heads up so we can have someone inspecting but there has not been a final easement from the Selectboard.

Discussion of proposed Sewer Commission website

Mr. Bouchard said that he and Mrs. Livezey are working on addresses and are almost done. The process should be easy from there.

Mr. Gmeiner said to make sure the map is preliminary so we can review it before it is public. There are a few spots we need to look at that are questionable if they are part of the district. The 2016 Town Meeting Minutes may show the last map that was adopted. If we have a more updated map, we will want to create an article for it.

FY21 & FY22 Budget

No updates.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Orcutt said a Boots and Bridal shop may be going into the Yuetter's property on North Main Street. It would not be a lot of capacity

There is no more project at Breakneck Lane.

Resident, Mrs. Anderson, said that Article 8 2015 (October) showed an amended Groton Center Sewer Map. Mr. Gmeiner wants to confirm the date in the minutes

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Bouchard to check to see when the Zoom meetings are allowed until and to see if we can extend.

Mr. Gmeiner said that Environmental Partners was bought out by Apex companies but will operate as a separate entity. We will need to see if they have a new name for payments to be processed to them and they will be converting to an LLC. The other question is if we will need to revote anything. Mr. Orcutt said a vote by the board recognizing the name change should be sufficient, if needed.

Mr. Gmeiner asked if anyone received the I/I video/report that Mr. Rafferty said was delivered and no one recalls seeing it.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5th, 2021 Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19th as amended, Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 3:07pm, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Crory

Business Manager

Groton Water & Sewer Department