



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: July 21st, 2021

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Location: Town Hall/First Floor

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

Not Virtually Present: Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Crory/Business Manager and
Judy Anderson, Benjamin Aiken and Evan Boucher

The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 3:00 P.M.

18 Breakneck Road – Sewer Connection

Mr. Aiken told the BOSC that he has reviewed the sewer connection guidelines and is looking to extend the district to 18 Breakneck Road. Mr. Gmeiner said he saw an inquiry stating the distance to be 500' and he believes it would be more like 1,000'. He also told Mr. Aiken the following would be required:

1. Town Meeting vote to extend the district
2. All costs involved construction, engineering and inspection fees would be the applicant's responsibility
3. Connection fee for a 3-bedroom would be \$6,000.00.

Mr. Bouchard also added that a public hearing would be required and notification to all abutters. Mr. Aiken asked if the notification to all abutters would be needed before getting on the warrant for town meeting. Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Aiken the BOSC could submit a placeholder for the warrant

Mr. Gmeiner extending the line down there he would be passing by four houses and another parcel front on Longley and suggested that the applicant reach out to them and see if they want to connect. Mr. Boucher asked about the abutters list and which ones would need to be notified and Mr. Gmeiner replied "our policy requires all the abutters be notified"

Mr. Gmeiner asked if a septic design was approved and Mr. Boucher said Mr. Grossman denied it. Mr. Aiken also said the soil was not ideal for septic. Mr. Boucher asked if direction drilling would be required since it's a newly paved road. Mr. Gmeiner said he is fine with directional drilling and that Mr. Delaney would not want a newly paved road being dug up. Mr. Gmeiner replied the line would be considered a gravity line and a grinder pump would be needed.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Aiken we can discuss the capacity and the current system at the public hearing. Mr. Boucher asked if the public hearing would be held before town meeting. Mr. Gmeiner replied that all the abutters need to be

notified by certified mail by Mr. Aiken and we will advertise for the public hearing and Mr. Aiken would be invoiced for the cost of the advertisement.

Mr. Bouchard asked what the plan was for the property and Mr. Aiken said he hopes to do (4) units because doing one would not be cost effective. Mr. Gmeiner did add that if this was approved at town meeting there is a mandatory bylaw that once accepted into the district the connection has to be made. Mr. Aiken asked if the septic was approved in the meantime, the would be forced to connect to town sewer. Mr. Gmeiner replied "yes or be voted out of the district". Mr. Bouchard suggested that Mr. Aiken have a more concrete plan before considered being voted in the district. Mr. Gmeiner said it would be good to nail down the project so we could determine the amount of capacity needed. Mr. Bouchard mentioned that there would be a connection fee/per dwelling unit on the property. Mr. Boucher asked if (4) units would this be considered (4) connection fees. Mr. Gmeiner said "yes" assuming they are no more than 3-bedrooms each. Mr. Aiken asked what would 4-bedrooms be and Mr. Gmeiner replied that is basically is \$2K per bed, with 3-Bedroom minimum.

436 Main Street

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that Mr. Haddad signed the notice to award and it was sent to Mr. Rafferty. Mr. Gmeiner asked if the bid awarded was \$25K and Ms. Crory replied "Yes".

546 Main Street - Capacity

No discussion at this time

Prescott - Capacity Charges

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that he is still working on this

Indian Hill Music - Plan Review/Construction Discussion

No discussion at this time

108 Pleasant Street - Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner asked if the sewer connection have been paid and Ms. Livezey replied "Yes"

Main Street - Repaving/Discuss Manhole Report

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that this project was not happening and Mr. Bouchard asked if the manholes have been ordered and Mr. Gmeiner replied "Yes". He told the BOSC that we can still do manhole construction. Mr. Gmeiner asked why the paving was not happening and Mr. Bouchard replied that the project did not get funded this year.

Florence Roche School - Capacity

Mr. Gmeiner is still working on this.

227 Boston Road/Lindemer – Sewer Connection Update

Mr. Gmeiner said there is nothing to report, but he did send Mr. Haddad an email and he agreed to draft the sewer easement and get us a copy.

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Website

Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC that he was still working on getting the street list updated and Mr. Gmeiner said we may need to adopt an official map.

FY21 & FY22 Budget

No discussion at this time

Other Business: Bills Minutes Etc.

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that we received a bill for the first payment for the sewer connection charges to Ayer for \$21,500.00 dated July 9th. According to the IMA the payment due says due the 2nd quarter, which would be October. Mr. Gmeiner said he feels we should follow the IMA terms and Mr. Bouchard agreed. Mr. Gmeiner asked Ms. Livezey to send a memo to Ayer requesting that this be billed in October.

Next Meeting – August 4th, 2021

BILLS SIGNED – No bills were signed

MINUTES: - No minutes were approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 4:20 P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye, Bouchard-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant