

Groton Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting
Of the
Board of Sewer Commissioners
Wednesday, August 23rd 2017
Groton Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

Minutes

Present are Chairman James Gmeiner, Superintendent Thomas Orcutt, Business Manager Lauren Crory and Groton resident Judy Anderson.

Mr. Gmeiner called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Orcutt said we are waiting on Pepperell to respond regarding our proposal for a joint meeting. Mr. Gmeiner discussed Pepperell's issue with the size of the piping and believes it should have nothing do with us as the piping was in the ground before we were involved.

Indian Hill – Capacity Charges

Mr. Gmeiner and Mr. Orcutt discussed Indian Hill and the prior evaluation of sewer capacity. Mr. Gmeiner noted that we previously used an evaluation of 10,000 gallons per day and asked if that was the flow used for an auditorium. He checked our Title V flow chart which indicated 3 gallons per seat is the flow for a theater. Mrs. Anderson asked if Indian Hill would consider using porta-potties when they have outdoor events. Mr. Gmeiner was not sure but said that we have to assume they won't and need to make sure the sewer capacity will be able to handle the maximum possible capacity at any given time. The flow numbers are not based on average use and it is based on the highest possible scenario. Mr. Gmeiner and Mr. Orcutt agreed that the owner of Indian Hill should come in again to review the original plans to ensure the capacity evaluation is still accurate.

66-68 Boston Rd – Capacity Charges

Mr. Orcutt discussed this property and noted that the Board of Health has concerns about the property and has been in touch with the current owner. 66 Boston Rd is a house with water service but is not tied into sewer. 68 Boston Rd is the butcher shop which has water and sewer service. The owner knows they would need to separate the water and sewer service for the house and butcher in the future – whether the owner does it now or requires the buyer to handle. Mr. Gmeiner asked if the Board of Health is requiring the house be tied into sewer now and said they are trying to get it in writing on the deed.

128 Main St – Capacity Charges

Mr. Gmeiner wants to look back and see how we calculated the capacity for the Groton Inn. He and Mr. Orcutt think we should pull the information from past meetings regarding the capacity and ask Mr. Amaral to come back in to ensure the calculation is still accurate. They discussed how many rooms will be at the inn and how

many seats will be at the restaurant but want to nail down final numbers with Mr. Amaral. Mrs. Anderson asked if the Title V flows vary depending on if a restaurant is open for dinner only versus lunch and dinner. Mr. Gmeiner said they do not vary and the numbers assume they will be open for both sittings to ensure the sewer could handle it if they were to be open for lunch and dinner. In other words, the Title V flow numbers are based on peak flow.

Four Corners

Mr. Orcutt said that Shaws will be connecting to sewer at some point. Mr. Orcutt also discussed the possibility of a period of time where people could connect at a lower rate and/or no betterments per Mr. Haddad. Mr. Gmeiner and Mr. Orcutt discussed what would need to be done to bylaws and/or regulations and determined that the bylaws would need to be edited. Mr. Gmeiner does not want to take over this project until it is an Enterprise Fund. Mr. Orcutt gave an update on the progress and said things are going well.

Invoices were signed for Expense Warrant 5.

Mr. Gmeiner made motion to adjourn at 2:58 and Mr. Orcutt seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Crory
Business Manager

James Gmeiner _____ Date _____

Thomas Hartnett _____ Date _____

Thomas Orcutt _____ Date _____

Approved 09/06/2017