



Chair/James Gmeiner  
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt  
Clerk/Thomas Hartnett

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**

173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** October 17, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 P.M.

**Location:** Town Hall/First Floor

**Members Present:** Chair/James Gmeiner  
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

**Not Present:** Clerk/Thomas Hartnett

**Others Present:** Ann Livezey /Water & Sewer Assistant, Mark Haddad/Town Manager & Judy Anderson/Resident

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The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 2:00 PM

**Indian Hill:**

Mr. Gmeiner handed out the memo for the Preliminary Cost Estimate for Sewer Hook Up at 122 Old Ayer Road dated March 7, 2016. After reviewing the estimate Mr. Gmeiner feels that based on the 10k/gpd that Mr. Shepherd required, the fees are accurate.

Mr. Haddad was present and informed the BOSC that Mr. Shepherd is looking for clarification on the fees and wanted an explanation on why fees pertaining to the project are distributed this way. Mr. Haddad asked the BOSC to review their fees and see if any adjustments could be made. Mr. Haddad also mentioned that there is a possibility that Mr. Shepherd would exclude the concert hall and he would like to keep the project afloat.

Mr. Gmeiner mentioned that Mr. Shepherd was in and that the numbers had been negotiated before the Town Meeting vote. Mr. Orcutt also made a recommendation to Mr. Shepherd of the possibility of using 6" pipe rather than 8" pipe there would be a cost savings of \$10K. The current figure on the 8" pipe is \$35K and the 6" pipe would be \$25K.

Mrs. Anderson informed the BOSC that according to the Economic Development Commission that if the project excludes the concert hall there would be no economic benefit to the town. If the economic benefit is to draw a crowd to the town and help local businesses and if they choose not move forward with the whole project the town would lose out in the end.

Mrs. Anderson also stated she feels the BOSC is only a small part of this and her suggestion was to maybe consider charging for 5k/gpd instead of 10k/gpd and do a look back in a few years from now. Mr. Orcutt said that this had been talked about, but Mr. Shepherd wanted to reduce annual long-term costs. Mr. Gmeiner also said it was made clear by Mr. Shepherd he wanted the 10k/gpd. At this time we are charging \$6.58/per gallon for 10,000 gpd with no mark up with an application fee of \$400.00, \$1,000 for the engineer review and an estimate of \$500.00 for the inspection fee. Mr. Gmeiner determined that in good conscious of the rate payers he cannot adjust any of these fees.

**Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to stand behind the Memo dated March 7, 2016 for the preliminary cost estimate for sewer hookup at 122 Old Ayer Road, Mr. Orcutt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Other Business, Bills, Minutes etc.:**

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on October 25, 2017 @ 2:00 PM.

**BILLS SIGNED**

**MINUTES:**

**ADJOURN** – Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Livezey, Water & Sewer Assistant

**APPROVED:**

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