

**GROTON SEWER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF June 3, 2015, MEETING
10:30 AM – TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Commission Chair James Gmeiner called the meeting of the Sewer Commission to order at 10:30 A.M. Also present were Clerk, Thomas Hartnett and Business Manager, April Iannacone. Mr. Mike Bouchard was present for the first item on the Agenda. Mr. Orcutt, Vice Chair was not present due to illness. Minutes were taken by Ruth Stevens, Water/Sewer Assistant.

Board Reorganization

Mr. Hartnett made a motion that Mr. Gmeiner remain Commission Chair, Mr. Orcutt remain Vice Chair, and he, himself, remain Clerk for the coming 2016/Fiscal Year. Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Four Corners Sewer District Code Discussion

Mr. Bouchard brought up the topic of the Four Corners Sewer District that was created at the Spring Town Meeting, and the need to incorporate this district into the existing Sewer Bylaw which would be added to the General Code Book (see emails and attached Chpt. 190 Articles). Mr. Bouchard drafted an Article 3 to merge the new sewer district into the code. Mr. Gmeiner brought up changes that needed to take place on the existing code (wording changes in Chapter 190-1 and changing 190-6 to 190-5 C). The BOSC agreed to add Mr. Bouchard's Article 3 to the Code at this time and then discuss the amendments to bring back to the next Town Meeting for a vote. Mr. Haddad, Town Manager, came in at the end of the discussion and agreed to amend Chapter 190 at the Fall Town Meeting, however, he stated the new district would only happen if grant monies are approved.

Review/Discuss Sewer Siphon Cleaning Quotes

Ms. Iannacone told the BOSC that Carmen DeFillippo from Pepperell Treatment submitted a quote of \$10K for siphon cleaning. The quote came from the Ted Berry Company, Inc. (see attached). Mr. Gmeiner said that the original bill of \$26K was supposed to have been close to \$8,300 for everything. Mr. Gmeiner said he needed more time to look that proposal over. Ms. Iannacone noted that Pepperell was going with the National Water option for \$30K. Mr. Gmeiner said to let Mr. DeFillippo know that Groton would be passing on the National Water option. He would like time to look over the Ted Berry proposal and ask them to readjust it for the Groton side. He also asked Ms. Iannacone to have Bob Rafferty of Environmental Partners review the I&I section. Ms. Iannacone added that Mr. Rafferty gave her a couple of other contacts that could do the work and mentioned Green Mountain Pipe and Island Water. Mr. Gmeiner asked that she get quotes from them as well and to tell them that they can contact Pepperell for needed information. He also requested that Mr. Rafferty review them as well. Mr. Gmeiner requested that these new proposals be reviewed at the next meeting. Ms. Iannacone indicated that there may not be enough funds for this process to take place this Fiscal Year, however, obtaining new quotes would likely put this out until FY16.

Financials

Ms. Iannacone presented the BOSC with a brief update on current financials (see attached) and added that with the inclusion of the \$50K transfer from E&D, she projected to finish FY15 at about \$40K for end of year.

Capacity Review for Addition at 48 Boston Road

Ms. Iannacone informed the BOSC that The Salon, (owned by Suzanne Debeaucurt) at 48 Boston Road, is currently in the planning stages of the possibility of adding a small addition to the side of the building. The issue in question was whether or not this addition would require additional sewer capacity. Ms. Iannacone presented The Salon's water history (see attached) and stated that it uses roughly 4,488 gals/quarter, which translates to approximately 50 gallons a day. Mr. Gmeiner said they would need to go by what they had originally allocated for capacity. He was fairly certain that the "3 Bedroom Unit" criteria was used in calculating capacity allotment, and since they are only adding 1 bedroom, there would be no increase in capacity necessary and, therefore, no capacity charge. On that subject, Mr. Gmeiner was then reminded to ask Ms. Iannacone to check with the Treasurer/Collector Department to make sure all appropriate betterment monies were transferred to the Sewer Department for FY15.

Abatement Request for 38 Willowdale/45 Farmers Row

Ms. Iannacone presented two Request for Abatement forms to the BOSC. It was decided to postpone the abatement for 38 Willowdale to the next meeting until more information could be obtained in order to make a decision. With regard to the second abatement request at 45 Farmers Row, which is Groton's new Center Fire Station, Ms. Iannacone explained the reasoning behind the request. She told the board that the outside spigots were plumbed incorrectly to the inside sewer meter, thus running outdoor use through the sewer. Since the problem has now been corrected, and there was no prior history, the BOSC decided to grant the abatement based on 57 Units @ \$14.66 (highest tier rate) equaling a total abatement of \$835.62. Mr. Hartnett made a motion to grant the abatement and Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

Other Business

Next Meeting - Mr. Gmeiner requested that the BOSC schedule a meeting for Wednesday, June 17, 2015 @2:30 PM.

BILLS SIGNED

One Set of Bills and/or Invoices were signed for payment at this meeting for EW-25.

MINUTES of May 14, 2015 – Mr. Hartnett made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 A.M. Mr. Hartnett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Stevens, Water & Sewer Assistant