



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: October 3, 2018

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Town Hall/First Floor

Members Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

Others Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Judy Anderson, Mark Haddad, Russell Burke and George Barringer

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

Meet and Greet with Pepperell

Meeting will be rescheduled

436 Main Street

No new information at this time

Dave Moulton – Four Corners Sewer Update

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that an inspector was on site and an issue he found is being addressed.

Planning Board Liaison's – Burke & Barringer

Mr. Burke of the Planning Board informed the BOSC that he was surprised by the most recent plan to extend the sewer district to 227 Boston Road. Mr. Burke said they are here today to ask if in the future they can have better communication between the two boards. He told the BOSC the town has a Master Plan and feels both boards should be insync with one another and just would like to be going in the same direction. Mr. Gmeiner asked if they use utilities to control growth and Mr. Burke replied "yes we can". Mr. Barringer said by controlling utility access development can be controlled. Mr. Burke also said when you have sewer, you allow for further development and a lot of communities use Title V to control development.

Mr. Orcutt suggested that the board should look into adopting a policy for any requests to extend the sewer district. He recommended advertising in the local paper for two weeks and to hold a public

hearing, he also added that if someone wants more than one thousand gallons of capacity, there should be a public hearing.

Mr. Barringer mentioned the density of housing in West Groton and if they put in a sewer connection in, it would have changed the whole character of the area. He feels that the town has recognized sewer as a development tool. Mr. Gmeiner asked what else besides having a public hearing can be done. Mr. Burke replied that some states have more advanced planning, designated in the urban areas; he suggested that better communication between the boards and that the Planning Board can assist the BOSC with the master planning. Mr. Burke also stated that the Planning Board would love the BOSC involvement so there is better synchronization when planning. Mr. Bouchard then asked what if there is available capacity and Mr. Gmeiner said that if it's in the District and we have available capacity we do not have control. Mr. Burke informed the BOSC that expansion of the District is their main concern.

Four Corners – Sewer Take Over

Nothing new at this time

21 Lovers Lane – Sewer Connection Update

No new information at this time.

Pepperell IMA Update

Mr. Gmeiner said that Mr. Rafferty was having a meeting with Pepperell and we will wait to hear from him with an update.

Review Groton's Wastewater Flows (Pepperell)

Mr. Bouchard provided the BOSC with a spreadsheet showing the wastewater flows from 2015-2018 and he had a brief discussion with Mr. Gmeiner regarding the flows.

Proposed Policy on Expanding the District

Mr. Orcutt will work on this and present to the BOSC when he has a policy in place.

Other Business:

Next Meeting – October 17th, 2018

BILLS SIGNED

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-19, Expense Warrant (EW-8)

MINUTES:

No minutes were approved at this time

ADJOURN –

Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 3:45pm, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:
