



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**

173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** September 9th, 2020

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

**Location:** Virtual Meeting Using Zoom

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

**Others Virtually Present:** Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Crory/Business Manager  
John Amaral/Omni Properties, Greg Roy/Ducharme & Dillis and Roland  
Paquette/Main Street Bank

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The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 2:00P.M.

**489 Main Street**

Mr. Amaral came before the BOSC with an agreement for change of use for 489 Main Street and the request for additional wastewater flow. Mr. Roy told the BOSC that the building is under 10K sq. ft. and the existing flow is 685 gpd based on office space. He told the BOSC that the proposed tenant would be using 3200 sq. ft. and it would be an oral surgery office with day surgery. There will be (2) Dr's to start, but would have a set up for (3) Dr's. Mr. Roy said based on his calculation using Title V he came up with 250 gpd per Doctor and would be a total of 750gpd.

Mr. Gmeiner said he is not sure where the 685gpd came in for the office space, originally that was going to be retail space. He did say we do have enough capacity for this particular need and did tell Mr. Roy that the BOSC has put new regulations in place as of June 2020 and those regulations can be found online. Mr. Gmeiner said that the BOSC has established a connection fee for change of use. The increased flow would be determined by using Title V (3200sq ft x 75gpd divided by 1,000 = 240) (240-750=510) (510÷330=1.5 x \$6,000=\$9,300.00). Mr. Amaral asked what the fee represented and Mr. Gmeiner replied that the fee is partly for the buy in for additional capacity and it also helps generate revenue for the Pepperell Sewer Plant. The BOSC is facing a plant upgrade and their share is 2 million. Mr. Roy asked based on the calculation is that the final answer we would get an additional 510 gpd. Mr. Gmeiner replied that the building space would get that and if something new was to come in you do not get a credit back. Mr. Amaral asked if they lease out the interior unit at the other end and a year goes by and we have less than 250 GPD would you be willing to allocate to the middle unit. Mr. Gmeiner replied that they would have to file for an abatement.

Mr. Orcutt asked how this was calculated and Mr. Gmeiner replied by the sq. ft. Mr. Orcutt asked if this was for (2) Dr's and Mr. Gmeiner replied (2) Oral Surgeons. Mr. Orcutt then asked if there would be any

pharmaceutical waste going down the drain and Mr. Amaral said that all medical stuff would be picked up and properly disposed. Mr. Amaral told the BOSC that they are finishing up with the Planning Board October 8<sup>th</sup> and asked that the BOSC submit a letter confirming the decision.

**Mr. Orcutt made a motion to allocate (3) Dr. Seats for a total of 750 gpd of wastewater for 489 Main Street Suite "C" (South Side of the Building). The BOSC has sufficient capacity at this time for this use and Mr. Bouchard seconded the motion.** *Roll Call: Orcutt-Aye, Gmeiner – Aye and Bouchard - Aye*

### **Four Corners Sewer Regulations**

Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC that he has been working on revising Chapter 396 Rules and Regulations for the Four Corners Sewer District to mirror the Center Sewer District. The Four Corners Sewer District Rules and Regulations will be "Chapter 397". The BOSC reviewed and approved some wording, numbering issues and dates. Mr. Bouchard will make more revision to these Rules and Regulations and the BOSC will continue to review at the next meeting.

### **436 Main Street**

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that he has no new information at this time.

**Next Meeting** – September 23rd, 2020

**BILLS SIGNED** - No bills were signed at this meeting

**MINUTES**: - July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 were approved

**ADJOURN** – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 3:30PM, Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call: Gmeiner – Aye, Bouchard – Aye and Orcutt - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant