



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: April 21st, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Virtual Meeting Using Zoom

Members Virtually Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

Not Virtually Present: Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant and Lauren Croy/Business Manager,
Mark Gerath and Sheila Gerath

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

45 West Street

Mr. Gerath told the BOSC that he has a detached apartment 1-2 bedrooms about 800 sq. ft. and was hoping to connect it town sewer/water. Mr. Gerath said there is town water on West Street and the sewer trunk goes to the side of the paved rail trail. Ms. Gerath asked the BOSC what the process would be. Mr. Bouchard asked if the main property was connected to sewer and Mr. Gerath replied "Yes". Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. & Ms. Gerath that the connection would be to the existing line and that connecting directly to the rail trail would be problematic. He suggested that the line go thru the yard and feels the pipe size would be ok. Mr. Gmeiner said flow wise, we can handle the capacity for a 1-2 bedroom. Mr. Gerath said according to the new Bylaw they are limited to two bedrooms for 800 Sq. Ft.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. & Ms. Gerath that the connection fee would be \$6,000.00 per ERU and we can send over the required application. Mr. Gerath asked the BOSC if they were ok with this and Mr. Gmeiner said that if this was done within the next two years, it would be fine for capacity. He added that we do reserve some, but its mostly first come first serve.

Mr. Gerath asked if there was an order and if he needed Planning Board approval first and Mr. Gmeiner said he could go ahead with the application and we would not require the Planning Board Approval. Mr. Gerath said he spoke with Mr. Tada and nobody has done this since the bylaws changed. Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Gerath this would require a 2nd water connection and that fee would be \$4,250.00. Mr. Gmeiner said when you submit the application, we will not require you to come back before the board, we will just review it and let you know.

Shaw's Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner asked if we received the cost breakdown from Mr. Rafferty and Mr. Bouchard replied "no". Mr. Gmeiner asked if we could have Mr. Rafferty give us a dollar figure on the no-shows or when work stopped early.

Florence Roche School – Capacity

No updates at this time

Prescott – Capacity Charges

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that we need someone from the board to come in to discuss the capacity issues. Mr. Bouchard said as of now they have an allocation based on certain usage and as they carve out, we would subtract and charge connection fees. Mr. Gmeiner suggested we ask them to come to get more information.

227 Boston Road – Lindemer Sewer Connection Update

Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC this is on the Agenda for Monday night. Mr. Gmeiner said he would have no issue running across the Country Club and would almost prefer that. This way it would be a private line and it went down 119 it would be a public line. Mr. Gmeiner said with it going across the Country Club it would require an easement and we can put conditions on that and Mr. Bouchard also added that it would relieve us of any maintenance costs.

1-3 Forge Village – Sewer Connection

No updates at this time

436 Main Street

No updates at this time

Discuss Developing a Policy Regarding Abatements

No updates at this time

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Web Site

Mr. Bouchard is working with Mr. Chiasson and will have an update soon

FY21 & FY22 Budget

Ms. Crory told the BOSC the Center Sewer District rates income looks better and the expenses are way down. Mr. Gmeiner asked Ms. Crory to put numbers together that we submitted for the Town Meeting Articles for the Center Sewer District and the Four Corners Sewer District.

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that we have \$35k in income and our expenses are \$12K over. With the \$35K in income we are over what we budgeted. Ms. Crory said she would itemize the \$35K to see how we got there. Mr. Gmeiner asked that the engineering numbers be checked and if we exceed expenses, we have to do a transfer. Mr. Gmeiner said a big chunk was for engineering that we are covering and to include the first payment to Ayer

Next Meeting – May 5th, 2021

BILLS SIGNED - No bills were signed at this meeting

MINUTES: - No minutes were approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 3:25 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner – Aye*

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant