



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**  
173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

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**Date:** January 4, 2017

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

**Location:** Town Hall/First Floor

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

**Others Present:** Ann Livezey /Water & Sewer Assistant, Bob Rafferty & Mr. & Mrs. Lindemer

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The Meeting was call to order by James Gmeiner at 2:02pm

**Kevin & Christine Lindemer – Sewer Extension:**

Mr. and Mrs. Lindemer came before the sewer commission to discuss sewer capacity for the possible expansion of 227 Boston Road. The expansion would include converting the existing barn into a function hall and the construction of a new main house. Mr. Lindemer also mentioned they may need town water to one of the buildings for fire suppression. Mr. Gmeiner informed them that this would require two separate trenches one for sewer and one for water.

Mr. Orcutt inquired about the sizes of the existing house and the new main house to be built. Mrs. Lindemer confirmed that the existing house is four bedrooms and the new main house would be as well. Mr. Lindemer stated that the function hall size will depend on the available parking and hopes to accommodate 100 – 150 Guests. Mr. Gmeiner informed them that the sewer capacity for the function hall would be the same as a restaurant based on Title V. The peak flow would be the main concern because that would be 35-gallons per seat at 100/150 guests. Mr. Rafferty advised the capacity would be 15 gallons/per seat/per day and that is correct calculation for the function hall. So a ballpark figure would be 6,000 gallons and that may push the limit. Mr. Gmeiner suggested the possibility of a holding tank, which would allow pumping off hours and would alleviate peak flow.

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Mr. Gmeiner informed Mr. & Mrs. Lindemer that capacity would be \$6.58 @ 990 gallons per day = \$6,514.20/per dwelling and would be a one-time fee to buy capacity for a total of \$13,028.40 for (2) dwellings. In addition to that Mr. Gmeiner said the one time capacity for the function hall

would consist of 15-gallons per seat (150 seats) @ \$6.58 for a total of \$14,805.00. The hook up charge and inspection fee may be a bit more, due to the length of the line. Mr. Orcutt made mention that due to the fact there is no town water to the property, a meter would be required on the well to measure the sewer, so it can be billed accordingly.

### **Pepperell IMA & Agreement**

No new information to discuss at this time.

### **Four Corners Sewer Update:**

Mr. Rafferty announced to the Sewer Commission that the project is going out to bid February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He also has a meeting scheduled with the contractors Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for a walk through. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Rafferty about the capacity allocated from Ayer and if there was a full size restaurant added in the future would there be sufficient capacity. Mr. Rafferty replied that there is 125,000/gallons a day allocated and only 70-75/gallons will be used. Therefore there would be enough capacity to accommodate a full size restaurant. Mr. Rafferty made mention of a segment of pipe on willow road and the potential of infiltration. Mr. Orcutt recommended that if a repair is necessary it should be done under this contract with the grant. Grant monies will not cover an I&I, but would cover the construction costs for the repair. Mr. Rafferty also mentioned that the state would like the town to better control the dam to more natural conditions and suggested a sluice gate be put in place. Mr. Rafferty stated they do have a design, but it needs to go before conservation. This would allow more control flow and a sluice gate is on the project as a bid item.

### **Ayer IMA**

There was nothing to report at this time. A discussion will take place at the next scheduled Sewer Commission Meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with the town manager present.

### **Rate Discussion**

No new information was discussed at this time.

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

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on the January 18th, 2017 @ 1:30 PM.

### **BILLS SIGNED**

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-17, Expense Warrants (EW-015).

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**MINUTES:** No minutes were approved at this meeting.

**ADJOURN** – Mr. Hartnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Livezey, Water & Sewer Assistant

**APPROVED:**

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