



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: April 5, 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, Lauren Croy/Business Manager/Bob Rafferty/EPA, Ken Kalinowski/Pepperell DPW & Paul Brinkman/Pepperell DPW

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

Pepperell Agreement

Mr. Rafferty was present and suggested sending Pepperell the spread sheet calculations he created to have them tweak accordingly so it can be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Rafferty also would like the staffing plan clarified moving forward. Mr. Gmeiner asked what goes into the treatment rate and if that included pump station debt services? Mr. Rafferty replied that the Pepperell bill has never been broken out and it is not clear. Mr. Gmeiner said the original agreement was broken out and we were being billed for just treatment.

Meet With Pepperell

Mr. Kalinowski was present along with Mr. Brinkman on behalf of Pepperell DPW. Mr. Gmeiner asked to discuss the billing issues at hand and stated that when the original billing was done we paid directly for treatment and the costs associated to do the work. Mr. Gmeiner asked what was included in treatment rates and feels we are being billed as a customer. Mr. Kalinowski assured Mr. Gmeiner he is not being billed as a customer and in fact he has been questioned as to why Groton does not pay Pepperell Rates. Mr. Brinkman said that Groton is being billed at a lowest rate and the lowest tier. Mr. Brinkman feels there is a term shared pipes and costs associated to that need to be shared. Mr. Gmeiner asked if it was possible to do one visit to the pump stations over the weekend rather than two. Mr. Brinkman responded and told the BOSC that this is part of the sub group revision and it is being discussed to come up with a different way. This way you would not get a bill for one day, you would get a bill stating the days the stations were visited. We

want a stable relationship, so you will know what your bill will be and we will know what ours is. Mr. Brinkman assured the BOSC that they are trying to create something we can all understand. Mr. Brinkman also informed the BOSC that the billing would continue to be billed in the same way and Mr. Gmeiner agreed to go back and look at the bills and figure out what was paid and we will wait to hear about the overhead time on the multiplier. Mr. Orcutt assured Pepperell we would settle up the bill by the end of the FY17.

FY18 2018 Operating Budget:

Mr. Gmeiner asked if the transfer of \$100,000.00 was transferred from the reserve funds and Mr. Orcutt replied yes. Mr. Gmeiner would like to review the operating budget and discuss at the next BOSC meeting on April 19th, 2016.

Ayer IMA:

Mr. Gmeiner inquired on the status of the Ayer IMA agreement and if it was available in a word document for review and editing purposes. Mr. Hartnett asked about approximately how many customers would be in the new district. Mr. Orcutt replied that maybe 30 customers with the possibility of about 20 over 55 units. Mr. Gmeiner mentioned that 40K gallons a day was allotted and was wondering if that would be sufficient? Mr. Rafferty responded and said his flow calculations included the whole Shaw's Plaza with the potential of a restaurant and he based his flow calculations on Title V.

Other Business, Bills, Minutes etc. :

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the BOSC will be held on the April 19, 2017 @ 2:00 PM.

BILLS SIGNED

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-17, Expense Warrants (EW-021).

MINUTES: March 22, 2017 minutes were approved.

ADJOURN – Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30PM. Mr. Hartnett seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey, Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:
