



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

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

**Date:** September 20, 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, Bob Rafferty/EPA and Anna Eliot

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

**436 Main Street**

Mr. Orcutt stated that there is no stub at either parcel at 436 Main and Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Rafferty that we would need to get a stub over to the driveway of the Conductor Lab property. Mr. Orcutt suggested we ask Brian Lagasse for a price and asked if it would require a notice of intent, due to the brook. Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. Rafferty for a ballpark figure and would \$20K/\$25K do it. Mr. Rafferty replied he does not remember and would look at previous costs, but thinks it could be with ground water. Mr. Orcutt stated that they would drill through the manhole and go through that way and asked if that would require a Mass Highway Permit. Mr. Orcutt also mentioned making an offer to have him put in a leeching system. Mr. Rafferty said all water would run into the sewer trench. Mr. Bouchard asked if we are responsible to get it to the property and Mr. Gmeiner replied yes, we get it to the property line and the owner is responsible to get it to the house. Mr. Orcutt said that nobody wants the ground water to run into the brook, due to possible contamination. Mr. Rafferty assured Mr. Orcutt they could locate the ground water and avoid that.

**Dave Moulton - Four Corners Sewer Update**

Mr. Orcutt said that the project would be starting tomorrow, but believes there are no stamped drawings for the pump station yet. Mr. Gmeiner inquired about the inspections and if the BOS would be handling them and informed the BOS that Ayer is not willing to do inspections. Mr. Rafferty said he would coordinate an inspector to go out.

## **Four Corners – Sewer Take Over**

Nothing new at this time

## **21 Lovers Lane – Sewer Connection Update**

Mr. Orcutt informed the BOSC that Mr. Lagasse provided the necessary paperwork and it was sent in and we should hear in about a week or two.

## **227 Boston Road – Sewer Extension Discussion**

Ms. Eliot came before the BOSC to express her concern about the potential sewer hookup at 227 Boston Road. Her concern is that if the sewer is approved then the entire parcel of 17 acres could eventually be developed. She asked if it would be possible to amend the Article to reflect one or two acres rather than all 17 acres. Mr. Gmeiner replied that he cannot answer that and the Article was put on by the BOSC for convenience and that they did not take a position on this. Ms. Eliot stated that once the sewer district is extended to the 17 acres then it could be developed if capacity available. Ms. Elliot asked if the square footage can be restricted and Mr. Gmeiner suggested she speak to Town Counsel. She then asked if the BOSC requires a formal public hearing where the abutters would be notified. Mr. Gmeiner stated that there is nothing that requires the abutters to be notified, but amendment to the regulations may be a good idea. Mr. Bouchard then asked if extending the district to 17 acres means that the entire parcel is eligible for capacity. Mr. Orcutt replied that Mr. Lindemer proposed two dwellings and a function hall and if tomorrow he wanted to put in a high rise and there is capacity available, he can do whatever he wants. Ms. Eliot said that the public hearing gives neighbors advance notice that the neighborhood would change.

## **Pepperell IMA**

Mr. Rafferty was present to give an update on the Pepperell IMA and he did say that the wet well cleaning services were added and we can change to add how many times it will be done. He did mention they are trying to determine how to track overtime (not scheduled overtime at their station). Mr. Orcutt asked if they are trying to track it so it does not get into their budget. Mr. Rafferty said there are line item budgets and separate line items not included in our budget (like septage receipts), capital items are separate over a certain dollar amount. Mr. Rafferty suggests getting three quotes on the high items. Mr. Rafferty said they are still discussing utility costs and the vector truck that was purchased and they would like a buy in on that. Mr. Rafferty stated that they want Groton to pay their electrical costs at the pump stations and he feels that travel time could offset that cost. Mr. Orcutt asked about meter calibration and how often that was to be done. Mr. Rafferty said that was part of the details discussed and suggested that these services be done at the same time in Groton and Pepperell. Mr. Orcutt agreed and suggested this be done at least once a year.

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting** – October 3rd, 2018

**BILLS SIGNED**

One set of Bills were signed at this meeting for FY-19, Expense Warrant (EW-7)

**MINUTES:**

No minutes were approved at this time

**ADJOURN** –

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:35pm, Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant

**APPROVED:**

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