



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: September 18th, 2019

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Town Hall/First Floor

Members Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

Absent: Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Others Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Croy/Business Manager, Judy Anderson and Ken Kolodzieg

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

436 Main Street

No New information at this time other than an approval letter received by the Conservation Commission for the access pit to facilitate the directional drilling of the sewer main.

186 Main Street – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner said there is no new information on this project. Mr. Bouchard asked if there was any concern of getting the property hooked up to the town sewer and Mr. Gmeiner replied “no” because they are already in the sewer district.

44 Farmers Row

Mr. Kolodzieg came before the BOSC to inquire about a sewer connection for 44 Farmers Row. Mr. Kolodzieg will be closing on the property soon and was given a septic design from the Lawrence Family that was for an (11) Bedroom system. He said he has spoken to Mr. Orcutt and he suggested that he come in to discuss what it would take to get a sewer line to the property. Mr. Gmeiner asked which parcel and if it was the one on the corner of Long Hill and Farmers Row. Mr. Kolodzieg replied “yes” across from the Fire Station. Mr. Gmeiner suggested that it would have to run up Pleasant Street to the Police Station. Mr. Gmeiner said he is not sure of the cost because the BOSC does not usually pay for these extensions. He also stated that there are not a lot of properties on the way to be hooked up, so cost sharing would probably not be an option.

Mr. Gmeiner asked how many bedrooms and Mr. Kolodziej said they will be doing extensive interior work and it will be (6) bedrooms even though the septic system was designed for (11) bedrooms. Mr. Gmeiner said costs associated would be \$5K-\$6K for a grinder pump and the cost to get it there, a hook up fee of \$22K (11x110÷330 x \$6,000.00) and \$500.00 for misc. costs and permit fees. Mr. Bouchard asked how he can get an actual estimate and Mr. Gmeiner suggested he ask Mr. Orcutt and maybe he could do a comparison to the latest hook up at Lovers Lane. Mr. Gmeiner informed Mr. Kolodziej that this would need a Town Meeting Vote to get the property in the district and we would have to hold a meeting, publish and take a position.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Kolodziej that people get concerned when they see sewer going to such a large parcel and it gets concerning for longtime use and capacity could be an issue. Mr. Kolodziej told the BOSC that it sits on 35 acres and 29 of it is conservation, the Lawrence's did a conservation restriction. He did say there is an agricultural equestrian only option. Mr. Gmeiner asked who held those rights and if deeded out to a third party, development potential would be out. Mr. Kolodziej said it's a formal legal decision looks like from the owners.

Mr. Bouchard asked when the septic would go in and Mr. Kolodziej replied either this fall or next spring. Mr. Gmeiner said in the past we have asked the Select Board to put it on the warrant and if we don't you would need a Citizens Petition and that would require (10) signatures and it would need to be done in January or February. Mr. Kolodziej asked if capacity is the primary concern and Mr. Gmeiner replied "yes" it would be capacity issue and possible development issue, just to fit in with the master plan etc. Mr. Gmeiner suggested that the BOSC speak with Mr. Rafferty our engineer and see what the best option may be. Mr. Gmeiner also suggested we have Mr. Orcutt look at some as-builts and see where the force main is.

Pepperell IMA

The BOSC is waiting on Mr. Rafferty to submit a draft for the IMA.

GDRHS - Pumps

The project was completed and we received the final bills and they will be billed out to the GDRHS.

Town Meeting Articles

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that when a place holder is submitted, we need to submit one for each sewer district, The Center Sewer District and One for the Four Corners Sewer District. Mr. Gmeiner asked that the place holder that was submitted be pulled.

Other Business:

Next Meeting – October 2nd, 2019

BILLS SIGNED

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY20, Expense Warrant (EW-7)

MINUTES: Minutes of August 7th, 2019 and August 21st, 2019 approved as amended

ADJOURN -

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 P.M., Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant

APPROVED:
