



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

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

**Date:** January 8, 2020

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

**Location:** Town Hall/First Floor

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

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

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

### **FY2021 Operating Budget**

Mr. Orcutt said Mr. Robertson was unable to attend and he will be attending the next BOSC meeting on January 22, 2020. Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC that he had a conversation with Mr. Robertson and he feels that the town should pay this year and he has a financial rational. Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that we went into this with the Town saying they would pay this \$26K every year and therefore we purchased additional capacity which clearly has benefitted the downtown area over the years. Mr. Gmeiner recalls for a few years early on we waived the fee due to the town's financial status. Mr. Gmeiner said the point is that this is like having a note and then they just decide not to pay. Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC that the issue is the towns budget comes out of free cash, which is a next year issue. Mr. Orcutt added he feels this is an obligation that needs to be paid.

### **Filho's Grease Trap**

Mr. Gmeiner asked if we spoke to Mr. Grossman regarding the grease trap for Filho's and Mr. Bouchard replied that Mr. Grossmans take was a 1,000-gallon grease trap was required according to Title V and it would need to be outside. Mr. Bouchard asked the BOSC how we convince Ozzie that he needs this size trap. Mr. Gmeiner asked that when Ozzie attends the meeting, we need to show him the pictures Pepperell provided us of the most recent clean out. Mr. Bouchard asked if this was a one-time clean out or have, we done it before. Mr. Gmeiner replied that Pepperell has always done the front half every year and this time they went all the way down. Mr. Orcutt suggested we have the line cleaned out more often in the future. Mr. Bouchard asked that if Ozzie agrees to put in the 1,000-gallon grease trap would he no longer be responsible for these bills? Mr. Gmeiner replied that the grease trap needs to be sized better

and will need to be outside and we need to explain to him that we have received a large bill for this work and he needs to work with us.

### **Groton Community School Capacity**

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC he has no new information at this time. Mr. Gmeiner asked that we find out what the maximum capacity is for that school.

### **44 Farmers Row – Sewer Connection**

No new information at this time.

### **436 Main Street**

Mr. Orcutt said he has the permit and a scheduled conference call with Honeywell is planned. Mr. Gmeiner asked if we have anyone available that is OSHA certified to do the work. Mr. Orcutt said the owners are working on that.

### **Pepperell IMA**

No new information at this time.

### **Chapter 396 Review and Organization**

The BOSC started reviewing Chapter 396 for the Groton Center Sewer District and made a few wording edits and continued to the Appendix Section. Mr. Bouchard asked if we had the most recent Sewer Design Construction Guidelines from Pepperell and suggested that we get an electronic version to link to the Regulations.

### **Web Design**

Mr. Bouchard said he would continue working on this after the regulations are done.

### **Other Business:**

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that we needed to transfer \$500.00 from Four Corners Expenses to Salaries and Wages

**Mr. Orcutt made a motion to transfer \$500.00 from Four Corners Expenses to Four Corners wages. Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that we received a letter from Shaw's and The Catalano Companies asking for an extension to hook up to the Four Corners Sewer. He told the BOSC that Ixtapa is the only business we have not had a response from.

Mr. Rafferty submitted a copy of the I&I plan that was submitted to MassDEP.

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that she received an abatement form from 20 Pleasant Street. She told the BOSC that the homeowner was irrigating on his domestic meter and therefore was charged sewer. He has since had an irrigation meter installed. Mr. Bouchard asked if he was looking for the whole amount of \$509.35 and Ms. Crory replied "yes". Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Orcutt what is going on and Mr. Orcutt replied that he has a two family, but nobody lives in the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit. Mr. Orcutt said he now has (2) domestic meters and (1) irrigation meter now. Mr. Gmeiner asked what was he using all that water for and thought he may have installed irrigation. Mr. Gmeiner asked if we are convinced the water did not go down the sewer and it is in fact irrigation and the BOSC was in agreement to approve the abatement.

**Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate \$509.35 for 20 Pleasant Street Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Next Meeting** – January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**BILLS SIGNED**

One set of bills were signed at this meeting for FY20, Expense Warrant (EW-15)

**MINUTES:** November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**ADJOURN** –

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 PM, Mr. Bouchard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant