



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: February 24th, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Virtual Meeting Using Zoom

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

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Judy Anderson and Kevin Lindemer

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

Florence Roche School - Capacity

Mr. Bouchard said he does not have the figures yet, but he will follow up. Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that he thinks we are squared away on this, but to stay on top of it.

Prescott - Capacity Charges

Mr. Gmeiner suggested that we schedule a meeting with the new director to discuss the future use.

108 Pleasant Street - Sewer Connection

Mr. Orcutt said he has nothing to report and he will follow up with Mr. Dillis for an update.

227 Boston Road - Lindemer Sewer Connection Update

Mr. Lindemer told the BOSC that going down the highway for the sewer connection was not the best idea. He said that there was an easement vote with the Select Board and was voted 3-2 to put on the warrant and if we get a positive vote, we can move forward. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Lindemer to keep the BOSC updated on this.

Mr. Lindemer said that Mr. McPartlan had a lot of back/forth with Mass Highway and they suggested we do down the edge of the right of way, but that would require 2-3 test holes 20 feet deep. Mr. Lindemer said that they would have had to block 119 and we asked for a reason and their response was to make sure we would not run into anything that would cause the highway to be dug up. He also said Mass DOT does not like a private line in a public way/highway.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Lindemer that we signed off on Mr. McPartlan as the agent, so we want to know what is being discussed. Mr. Lindemer said he would contact him and have all the information sent over and Mr. Gmeiner asked that he shares all future conversations with the BOSC.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Lindemer the BOSC would like this a private line and Mr. Lindemer said he thought it would be a private line. Mr. Gmeiner said with the easement there should be language in part of the agreement saying the easement as only for the benefit of the ~~Lindenmers~~Lindemer' current parcel of land. Mr. Lindemer said their intention is only for his parcel and not intended to go beyond and if the wording is necessary, he is all for it.

Mr. Orcutt asked if any test holes have been dug and Mr. Lindemer replied "no" there is no ledge, but is aware it's a risk and there is a possibility they can run into something. Mr. Orcutt told Mr. Lindemer that soil tests can be done to locate a lot of those things.

1-3 Forge Village – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner asked that a payment reminder be sent out after 30-days

Shaw's – Sewer Connection

Mr. Orcutt said there has been no update on the physical connection. Mr. Orcutt said we have received an email regarding the engineering expenses. Mr. Gmeiner suggested we review the application and minutes and maybe we should meet with their representative. Mr. Bouchard asked what these fees were for and Mr. Orcutt replied they are the Engineering fees for Mr. Rafferty's time on site.

436 Main Street

No update at this time

Discuss Developing a Policy Regarding Abatements

Mr. Orcutt will edit and will be reviewed at the next meeting

GDRHS Administrative Fee

The BOSC will discuss at the next meeting and Mr. Gmeiner asked for the yearly flows for the TOG and the GDRHS.

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Web Site

Mr. Bouchard is working on the revisions for the new sewer web site and suggested that we add the following documents: Both sewer districts and under forms and documents, abatement policy, rules & regulations. Mr. Orcutt suggested that we add rates to the website.

FY21 & FY22 Budget

The BOSC briefly discussed the budget and will have a Rate Hearing on March 24th.

Four Corners:

Mr. Gmeiner asked that we check with Ms. Dufresne regarding a transfer for the Engineering Bills that the BOSC paid upfront and billed out to Shaw's.

Center Sewer:

Mr. Gmeiner asked if the Pepperell Debt line item for FY21 Debt should be broken out as Phase #1 & Phase#2 on the budget. He also asked that we get him the number of what is in reserves and asked that we check the rates number on the budget.

Next Meeting – March 11th, 2021

BILLS SIGNED - No bills were signed at this meeting

MINUTES: - No minutes were approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner – Aye and Orcutt - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant