



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: August 18th, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Town Hall/First Floor

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

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

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

Filho's - Grease Report

Mr. Gmeiner feels we should ask the BOH for the required size of the grease trap for the restaurant. Mr. Gmeiner said after reviewing the history pre pandemic he was using 1100 gpd for water and by Title V sizing of the grease trap is done by number of seats in a restaurant 15 gpd/ per seat. Mr. Gmeiner said seating is limited and thinks maybe about 30 seats and Mr. Orcutt said they do a large amount of take-out business. Mr. Gmeiner feels he needs a bigger grease trap and just jetting every six months just pushes it down stream. Mr. Orcutt said we should reach out to Mr. Grossman of the BOH to inquire about the size needed and he thinks Filho's has an interior grease trap not an exterior one.

195 Main Street - Abatement

Mr. Orcutt s told the BOSC that the meter is accurate and it was the radio that did not send signal, probably two quarters and there is no explanation why the usage was so high. Mr. Gmeiner is comfortable that the amount of water was used and no explanation where it could go other than down the sewer. He said Ms. Crory thought they may have helped a neighbor and Mr. Bouchard asked if that was the house under construction and Mr. Orcutt said they have a construction meter on site. Mr. Orcutt seems to think something must happened and they cannot provide an explanation. Mr. Gmeiner said according to regulations, we can just bill them at the low rate and Mr. Orcutt said he would consider that. Mr. Bouchard asked if the meter was ok and if it was just the radio not working and Mr. Orcutt said "yes" and that the transponder has been replaced. Mr. Orcutt said there is vacant tenant space upstairs, so could have been the toilet. Mr. Gmeiner asked if the BOSC wants to bill at lowest tier and Mr. Orcutt said he is ok with that. Mr. Bouchard said he agrees and he would have like to have an explanation.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion to consider a usage bill for the 67 units invoiced on July first to be billed at the lowest tier Mr. Orcutt seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner - Aye, Orcutt - Aye and Bouchard - Aye

Mr. Bouchard asked if we are confident moving forward that this will not be an ongoing issue and Mr. Orcutt replied "yes" the transponder has been changed

Damaged Vent Pipe – Boston Road Extension

Mr. Gmeiner said this would need to be dug up and checked out and Mr. Orcutt said he has reached out to Mr. Lagasse for a quote. Mr. Orcutt asked Ms. Livezey to get a copy of the accident report for our files. Mr. Gmeiner said he had a copy and asked Ms. Livezey to start a file and take a copy Pepperell inspection invoice because we will need to bill for that.

436 Main Street

Mr. Gmeiner said he spoke to the contractor and they can dig and get set up before without upsetting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and working in the right of way. They should be able to get through 1-2 days and leave two stubs there. Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that the Honeywell engineer figured there may be excess water from the drilling and they might bring a containment in case they end up with more than they think. The contractor said he can hold on site and they can have tested and see if it is contaminated and needs to be disposed of.

Prescott – Capacity Charges

Mr. Gmeiner still working on this

Indian Hill Music – Plan Review/Construction Discussion

Mr. Rafferty did talk to them about the final connection to sewer/manhole and they are good with that. Mr. Gmeiner said payment should be coming in the next week or so. Mr. Orcutt asked if we need to put a maintenance agreement and Mr. Gmeiner said “yes”. Mr. Orcutt asked if we should have Mr. Rafferty witness the pressure testing because we did not witness it being put in. Mr. Gmeiner said “yes” and we need to get that done. He also said invoice included \$1k in engineering and \$400 or so inspections.

108 Pleasant Street – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner got a call from Mr. Collins asking if the pipes needed to be changed out due to being old cast iron and Mr. Gmeiner initial thought because it's on site he did not mind. He said he checked with Mr. Rafferty about the I&I issues and he said the cast iron pipes need to come out so we do not add any new I&I to the system.

Main Street – Repaving/Discuss Manhole Report

Mr. Gmeiner asked this to be taken off the agenda, due to the project being put on hold.

Florence Roche School – Capacity

Mr. Gmeiner still reviewing

227 Boston Road / Lindemer – Sewer Connection Update

Nothing new at this time

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Website

Mr. Bouchard said he has a final list of address submitted and he submitted to the Assessor's office which has a program that will grab the parcel Id's for those addresses. After this process we would then need the GIS to create the map

FY21 & FY22 Budget

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC there are no end of year budget numbers yet

Other Business: Bills Minutes Etc.

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that Mr. Rafferty has dropped off the new I&I reports with all the updates along with the most recent study. He is thinking we may have lateral issues and the spikes are a bit peculiar. The most recent Pepperell invoice shows the flows from July and we go up and slowly come down, which is maybe a lateral issue. Also, if Deluxe is developed, Mr. Rafferty suggested those lines be replaced.

Mr. Gmeiner said we would have to have a Public Hearing soon for the parcel at the corner of Deluxe which is not part of the sewer district. He said there was an article submitted to the Select Board to put it into the district. Mr. Bouchard said Article 19, sponsored by the Town Manager and he will send out a copy to the BOSC.

Next Meeting – September 1st, 2021

BILLS SIGNED – No bills were signed

MINUTES: - No minutes were approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 3:03 P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye, Bouchard-Aye and Orcutt-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant